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**Bottom Line**

The Tower Yearbook is the only written record of the history of Northwest. Through our coverage, memories and stories unfold with each page. No other publication has the extensive written record of events ranging from a much anticipated concert, to the monumental moment terrorists attacked Sept. 11 and shattered the calm of everyday life.

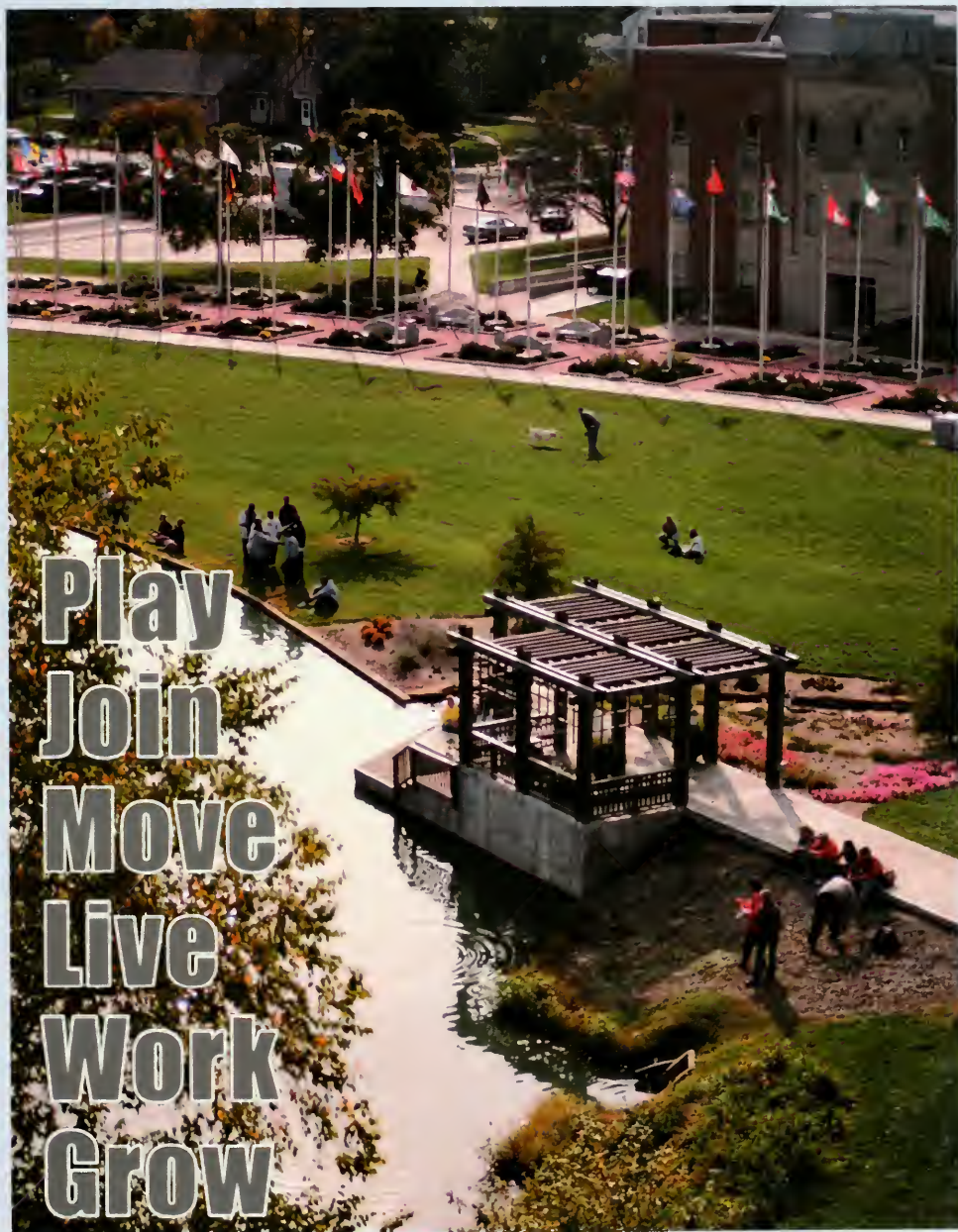
The journey through college is pieced together with memories of play and work. The balance of the two is necessary to grasp the true concept of these extraordinary moments in our lives. The bottom line is both are important in the final scheme of things. Both concepts are necessary to achieve the ultimate learning experience.

With this idea in mind, the format of the book is unique to previous years. In effort to emphasize this balance of the two worlds, the book only has two division pages with subdivisions within.

The bottom line is that without work or without play, the true adventure of college, the personal growth that accompanies this journey, is lost. This publication has attempted to portray this concept, as well as document the many aspects of life at Northwest through the course of the year.

Understanding the theme throughout this book, we hope that this volume of the 2002 Tower Yearbook not only captures the aura of Northwest and its students, but enables readers to relive these experiences and stories decades down the road.

A sunny fall afternoon gives students an opportunity to gather around Colden Pond and engage in a variety of activities. While members of the Alliance of Black Collegians played a game of human pretzel, others worked on homework and studied for classes-demonstrating the bottom line at Northwest was a balance between play and work in everyday life. *photo by Cody Snapp*



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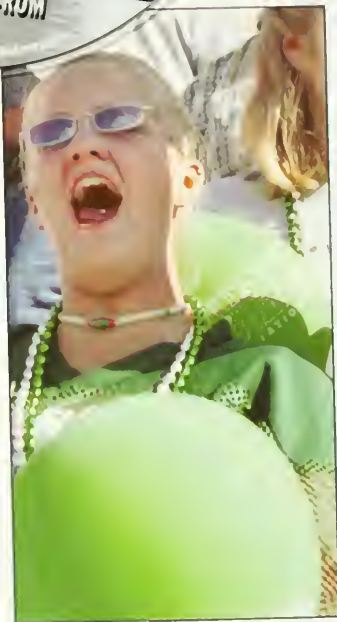
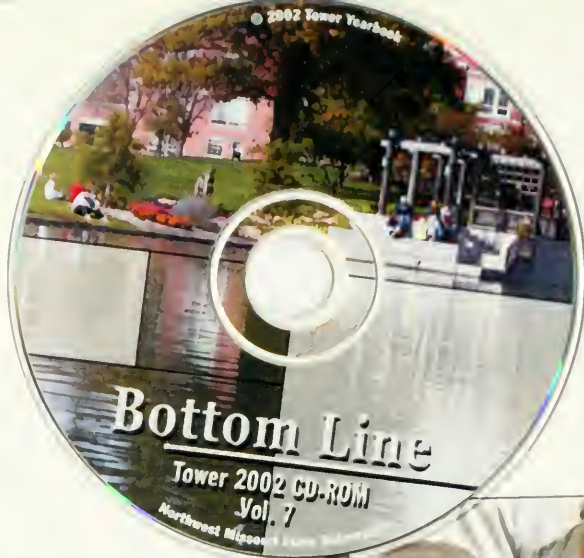


Photo albums and memory boxes filled with worn concert ticket stubs and valuable treasures define play. These are the moments when you grew as a person, found your true self and wondered where life was going to take you. Away from the papers and lectures, the lessons were different, but crucial none the less. These are the stories of crazy homecoming weekends, tragedy when play stopped Sept. 11, Bearcat victories and defeats and finding your niche in the social scheme of things we call college. The bottom line is this balance in life is critical at Northwest.



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Balancing on the other end of the scale of hazy weekends and road trips are the all night study sessions and the group projects. The ultimate goal was graduation. And money, academics and the people around us were woven into a complicated equation.. A budget cut did not make this task any easier, but a generous donation helped one college with their expenses. Looking closer at the individuals within this realm, it becomes clear that the art of balancing work and play was not only a challenge, but the bottom line to achieving the most important lesson in life.

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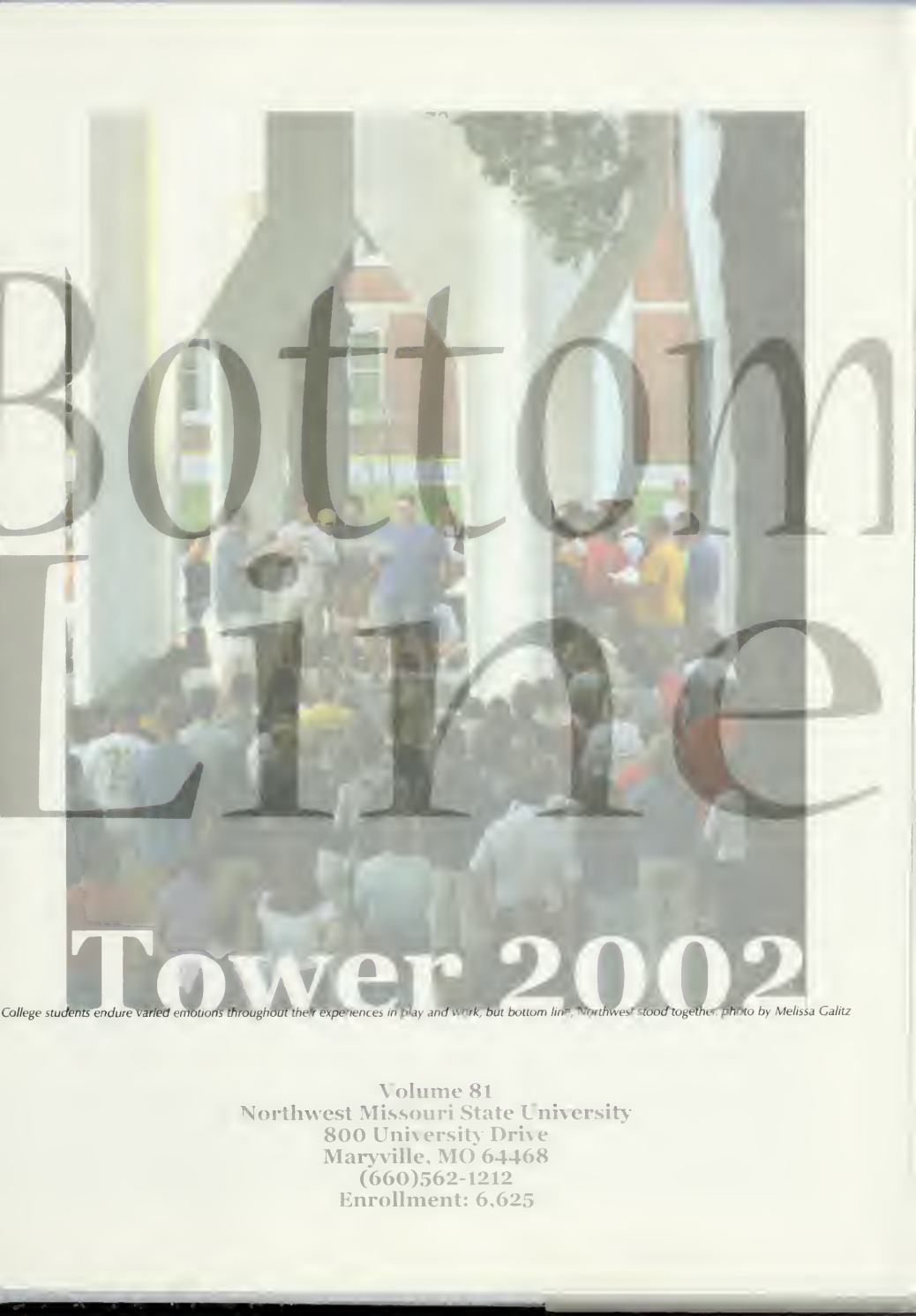
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# Bottom Line Tower 2002

*College students endure varied emotions throughout their experiences in play and work, but bottom line, Northwest stood together. photo by Melissa Galitz*

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## Opening

Another trimester was set into motion, while for some it was the beginning of newly discovered freedom, for others it was the closing chapter of the college experience.

In the patchwork of events that followed, life shifted between play, work, and the reality in between. The economy forced budget cuts that became a major influence on every decision that was made. But where funds became scarce in some areas, they multiplied in others.

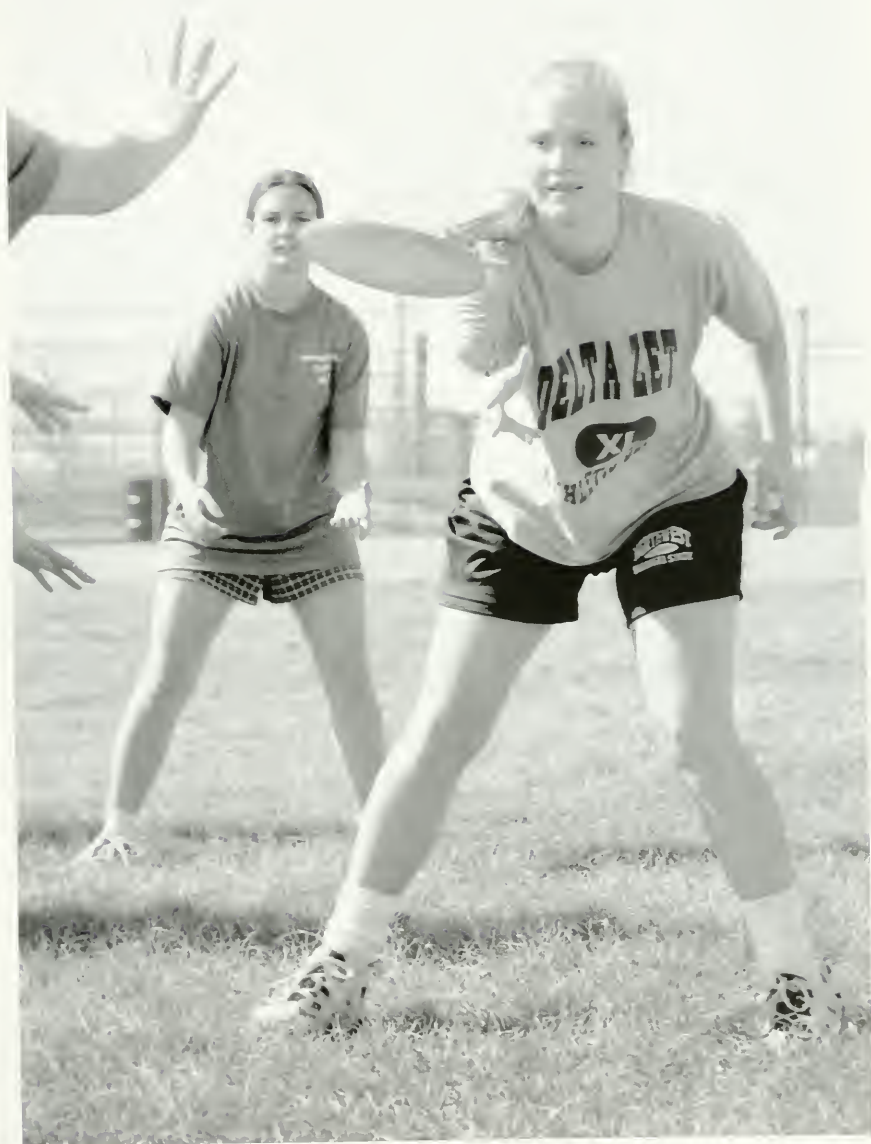
Money concerns faded into the background while we played. Bid Day united 'sisters'—old and new, and fraternities created a sense of brotherhood with a new group of pledges. The music of "The Unger" echoed off the walls of Mary Linn Performing Arts Center and into our heads as we enjoyed the much-anticipated concert in October.

The bottom line was despite the reality of the real world bearing down on us, there was still time to enjoy the adventures of college life.

Play permeated everything. It was what memories were made of and what sometimes reeked havoc on our grades and concentration.

**In a game of ultimate Frisbee,** Delta Zeta Stephanie Bolton tosses the disc to a teammate as part of a Greek Week competition. The week's activities included canoe and tricycle races, a pie eating contest and olympiad. *photo by Michaela Kanger*







Play and pride were reflected through our athletes and the honors and awards they brought home. Pushing past the boundaries of their athleticism, our Bearcats proved that play was a way of life.

For those not involved in sports, a wide array of organizations offered a pseudo-family for any student. From the Alliance of Black Collegians to the Indian Student Organization, there was an activity and area of interest for everyone.

Bottom line, to benefit from play at Northwest, you had to get involved, take advantage of the moment and get in the spirit of the situation to grow as an individual.

While play occupied much of our time, work was also a significant factor in our lives.

Work was essential to achieve success and did not come without lessons of its own. In the courses we took and the papers we complained about, we began to understand. With the help of faculty, peers and academic services, the reality of graduation came charging toward us.

**Raising the Afghanistan flag,**  
Shahab Shafiey, Mhaleena Mansoor  
and Nazira Hussaini participate in the  
fourth annual flag raising ceremony at  
the International Plaza. All three had  
connections in Kabul, Afghanistan.  
*photo by Michaela Kanger*





# Play

*Screams of encouragement escape Dawn Trent and Kendra Masoner during the match up against Missouri Western State College Nov. 3. photo by Michaela Kanger*

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by Mandy Lauck and Jennifer Louk

# Intro to real world 101



Minutes after her arrival at Perrin Hall, Ritu Jain begins to unpack. "I was afraid that I brought too many belongings and it would take forever to move," Jain said. *photo by Amanda Byler*

Family and friends help students move into the residence halls on the west side of campus. The Cat Crew helped the freshmen carry belongings to their new living quarters. *photo by Michaela Kanger*

*It was the beginning of a different kind of freedom; a new set of duties and the first step into the real world.*

Arriving on campus Aug. 23, the parking lots were overflowing with vehicles, luggage and family members. In the next step, students were leaving their families behind and entering another realm of education and experience.

Cat Crew volunteers assisted in this move to the residence halls throughout the day. Carrying belongings and directing traffic they worked throughout the humid day.

Some students crammed as much as possible into the rooms, ignoring the limited space in light of their new-found freedom.

"I wouldn't mind living in the dorms until I graduate," Jed Penland said.

Once family members left, roommates were on their own to get to know each other and set up their rooms. Some of the residents

were friends before they came to college, while others were meeting for the first time.

"I actually didn't know my roommate at first, but as of now we are getting along good," Gina Tominia said. "We both have the same major, and being broadcast students we are both talkative."

The transition was not always hard. After unpacking and settling into the dorms, many people were able to relax and enjoy the beginning of college life.

"Everyone is really close on my floor and we have the best RA's," Rebecca Crane said. "That's made moving here a lot easier."

The transition to college life proved to be both a challenging and rewarding experience. One filled with memories and life lessons for everyone.



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**-Jed Penland**



**Before carting her belongings** up to her room in Dieterich, Jill Muegge fills out a checklist of room damages. "I'm really not liking all the blocks, it makes me feel like I'm in a cell," Muegge joked as she looked over her room. *photo by Amanda Byler*

**Boxes and belongings** litter the floor in Erin Bailey and Brooke Dake's new room. Millikan Hall found the two strangers becoming good friends by chance not by choice. *photo by Amanda Byler*



Females made up 55 percent of Northwest's student body.



Northwest had 5,559 undergraduates including the Missouri Academy of Science, Mathematics and Computing.



From Sept. 23-26, a total of 11 "Minor in Possession" violations were given on campus.



A total of 1,253 students were in this year's freshman class, while 1,256 students were registered last year.



It took 130 Cat Crew volunteers to help students move into the residence halls.

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by Mandy Lauck

# Rho Chis Reunite

She scanned the room hoping not to ignore anything. She packed up the last of her necessities, knowing that if she forgot anything, there was no coming back. As she assured herself that she had everything, she realized she could not communicate with her

Inn and Suites. This practice helped the Rho Chis keep the rule of silence.

"I think it was a good idea to combine members of different sororities in the hotel that we were staying at," Cole said. "Of course, I missed talking with my sisters for a week,

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sisters for a week. She grabbed her last bag of items and left her room in Roberta Hall.

For years, the Rho Chis have had a stipulation that they were required to leave Roberta Hall to avoid influencing new pledges. From July until September, they had to remove any affiliation with their sorority.

Crystal Cole, a member of Sigma Sigma Sigma, was accepted into the Rho Chi organization after completing the application and interview process.

To fulfill her duties, Cole moved out the night of Sept. 4 not to return until Sept. 10 when Bid Day arrived.

"This was my first time as a Rho Chi moving out," Cole said. "I think most of the active members that had to move out were doing it for the first time."

She was assigned, with three roommates from other sororities, to a room at University

but I got a chance to get to know other members of different sororities than my own."

After meeting her roommates and settling into her new home for the week, Cole had to instruct her section of pledges through the week of activities. She helped pledges get acquainted with the active members of every sorority.

On Bid Day, Cole was responsible for informing her pledges if they had been accepted into their chosen sorority. After Bid Day, Cole moved back into her residence hall room.

After a week of living out of a suitcase and isolated from her sisters, Cole was happy to say she was finally home.

Flowers, stuffed animals and cards surround Mindy Hufman as she embraces a sister who was a Rho Chi. The Rho Chis had to move into University Inn and Suites for the week. photo by Michaela Kanger



A total of \$2,644 was spent on hotel rooms for 36 Rho Chis, Panhellenic Council and the director of student activities during Rush.



From July to Sept. 10, Rho Chis were not allowed to share their last name or sorority affiliation.



252 women rushed; all but 42 were given bids.



Each Rho Chi was given a partner from a separate sorority.

SOURCES:  
Jesse Nover  
Panhellenic Council





**Rho Chis scramble down the stairs of the J.W. Jones Student Union to meet their sisters. They were isolated from their sorority during the week of Rush. photo by Michaela Kanger**

**Members of Phi Mu gather outside the J.W. Jones Student Union as Rho Chi members reunite with their sorority. Rush ended with Bid Day, Sept. 10, when rushees found out what sorority they were invited to join. photo by Michaela Kanger**



**Tau Kappa Epsilon pledge, Taft Burnes** shows his fellow pledges how it's done during the TKE's car smash. Members of the Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority also joined the fun. *photo by Amanda Byler*

**Members and pledges gather on the porch of the Alpha Kappa Lambda house** as Jared Weber checks to see what everyone wants to eat. Weber was volunteered to be the cook for the evening by one of his fraternity brothers. *photo by Michaela Kanger*



**On Walk Out Day** Nathan Elder and Craig Mackin participate in Sigma Phi Epsilon's teeter-totter for Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis. Members and pledges took turns on the teeter-totter for a total of 72 hours. *photo by Amanda Byler*



# Band of Brothers

*Rush activities emphasized the sense of family with fraternity membership.*

Each had their own way of inviting potential prospects to their event. Whether it was free food or entertainment, members attracted the people they thought the fraternity needed to build a positive reputation.

With overall numbers down, fraternity rush at the University proceeded. Many fraternities started the week with open houses and barbecues to get to know pledges and help them understand each organization.

Alpha Kappa Lambda held an open house and barbecue to welcome interested recruits. AKL offered pledges a family-like bond between the members. As free food was given to the recruits, the active members answered questions about the house, the other members and the rules of the fraternity.

Another fraternity, Sigma Phi Epsilon,

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hosted a pig roast and a casino night as part of its rush activities. One pledge, Craig Mackin, joined the fraternity because of the reputation it had.

“I found out the frat was great at intramurals, and I liked the way they ran things at Sigma Phi Epsilon,” Mackin said.

Tau Kappa Epsilon hosted its rush two weeks into the school year. The main point the TKEs wanted to share with recruits was the family-like bond that came with membership. Pledges toured the house and talked to active members who gave them a sense of belonging.

“Out of all the fraternities, I felt I fit in the most with the TKEs,” Taft Burnes said.

The main point that kept coming up during rush was brotherhood. A stone sign that stood outside the AKL house told rushees what the fraternities were all about. It read: “We few, We happy few, We band of brothers.”



An informal barbeque serves as a way for potential rushies to meet with members of Alpha Kappa Lambda. Many of the fraternities on campus held similar functions during the third week of school. photo by Micheala Kanger



Sigma Phi Epsilon purchased a hog for Fall rush costing \$400. The hog took one and a half days to cook in a pit.

Sources:  
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by Mandy Lauck

## Transfer of Talent

Slumped in the red-lined seat of Mary Linn Performing Arts Center, he watched others say their lines. When he was called, he slowly skimmed the script. Standing between the two actors, he recited each line with perfection. When it was over, he returned the script to the director and went back to his seat, sitting in the same slumped position.

Jonathon Reynolds, a transfer student from the University of Missouri-Columbia, decided he needed a different environment. He transferred to Northwest and said the University was the alternative home he was looking for.

Reynolds was a theater major who auditioned for the plays "Aging Disgracefully," "Medea" and "A Tail of Tales." During the auditions for "Aging Disgracefully," Reynolds tried out for the roles through cold readings, which were read-throughs without preparation.

"I prefer the cold reading because you just go in (to the audition) and perform," Reynolds said. "I try to go last just because that gives me a way to prepare and see my competition."

After his journey to Northwest, Reynolds found new surroundings in which to express his artistic talents. Along with these new surroundings came new opportunities to grow as an actor and as a person.



The choreography lesson proves harder than expected as students auditioning for "Medea" work on twirling. The focus of the "Medea" audition was to demonstrate the ability to sing and dance. photo by Michaela Kanger

Shrieking with panic, Lance Christoffersen runs around Mark Maasen while going through a scene taken from "Romeo and Juliet." There were only three main characters in "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare-Abridged," requiring the actors to rehearse more lines than usual. photo by Michaela Kanger



Reid Kirchhoff, who performed in "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare-Abridged" rehearsed 20-25 hours for auditions.



Green polka-dotted boxers were Mark Maasen's good luck charm for auditions and the last performance of every play he was in.



To help her prepare for audition, Amanda Backenstoss, would go an entire day speaking in the rhythm and dialect of her monologue.

by Mandy Lauck

# One Chance for Stardom

*A week of auditions for a moment in the spotlight.*

Pacing back and forth, he scanned the dialogue, testing every word until it sounded perfect. His name was called, signaling 30 seconds before he was on. Breathing deeply, he relaxed his entire body. This was it. The next few minutes in the spotlight would determine his theater participation for the trimester.

Even the experienced were faced with a new challenge. The audition process for student productions changed, condensing auditions for an entire season into one week.

Reid Kirchhoff has studied theater intensely and tried out for multiple plays. He auditioned for "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare—Abridged," preparing two contrasting monologues lasting four minutes each. But the pressure did not phase Kirchhoff.

"I think this new process of auditioning is a good idea," Kirchhoff said. "It prepares those that are wanting to be professional actors and gives them a taste of what the cold reads are like for professional auditions."

Kirchhoff's first monologue was from "Glengarry, Glen, Ross." This serious piece about living in the business world was followed by the lighter performance of "Little Footsteps," a comedy showing interaction with children.

"I chose the pieces I did, because when

someone is auditioning for a piece, you want the judges to see that you are very diverse and could play many different roles," Kirchhoff said.

After "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare—Abridged" audition was over, Kirchhoff tried out for the main stage play, "Medea." Only one main stage play was performed each year.

In these auditions, Kirchhoff identified with the character and the character's feelings. Next, Haley Hoss, assistant professor of health, physical education, recreation and dance, taught the choreography. Director Steve Grossman paired Kirchhoff with another actor to see their interaction. Finally, the last auditions were solo efforts, showing how the actors performed in the spotlight.

Kirchhoff stepped from behind the curtain and stood in front of the director. He auditioned for the part of the messenger, and read the dramatic and graphic piece with intense emotion on his face. When he was finished, the director said he had chills from his performance.

As Kirchhoff left, the director looked as if he had tears in his eyes. His talent was evident, and despite the changes in the audition process, Kirchhoff proved he had what it took to be in the spotlight.

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-Reid Kirchhoff



Focusing on his script, Reid Kirchhoff imitates a preacher while reading lines from "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare—Abridged." He also tried out for "Medea." photo by Michaela Kanger



by Mandy Lauck

# The Mazes Below

*Steam tunnels running through campus wove an intricate web of passageways invisible to the community*

A small flashlight was the only source of light by which to navigate. Occasionally, a high-pitched creak rattled the nerves. The moist environment was uncomfortable and claustrophobic. This was the atmosphere of the steam tunnels that stretched beneath the Northwest campus.

Four main passages traced throughout the campus with smaller lines branching off. The tunnels housed utility and water lines and high-pressure steam pipes used to heat the campus. Some of them were well-lit, clean and large enough to walk in, while others were unbearably hot, full of fog or dust and barely big enough to crawl through.

"These tunnels vary from being very large, like the tunnels under the library and the high rises, to little crawl spaces by Perrin and Hudson Halls," James Teaney, steam plant heating, ventilation and air conditioning supervisor, said.

Under intense pressure from the steam, many of the tunnels started to break down. Crews were required to maintain the pipes, ensuring the safety of the employees and keeping the tunnels in working order.

"We've got to have the tunnels and keep working at our job to keep the boiler room going," Teaney said. "If the tunnels weren't there, there would be no heat."

Dark crevices created a sense of mystery in the maze of tunnels that ran beneath campus. Tunnels below the surface of the University grounds were more than just a story, they were a necessity in heating the entire campus.

**A dark tunnel stretches beneath the sidewalk behind the Administration Building. Animals such as raccoons were occasionally found in the tunnels.** *photo by Michaela Kanger*



The tunnels were meant to carry items such as utility lines and high pressure steam pipes.



These areas were mostly forbidden; few people ever saw them.



Asbestos was often a major problem when working with the labyrinth of tunnels.



The steam in these tunnels often reached 120 degrees.

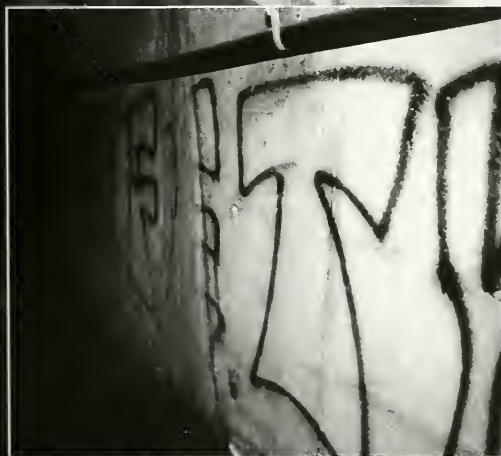


Some of the University's steam tunnels stretched approximately three-fourths of a mile under the sidewalks.

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At the end of a tunnel, James Teaney, steam plant heating, ventilation and air conditioning supervisor, shows the steam pipes entering the high rises. Several crawl tunnels branched off the main tunnel to lead to other buildings on campus. photo by Michaela Kanger



Walls with graffiti prove more than University employees wander the tunnels below campus. Vents above the dingy tunnels allowed people to gain unauthorized access. photo by Michaela Kanger



Steam used to heat the campus runs through pipes along the walls of the tunnels. The residual heat emanating from the pipes at times made the tunnels uncomfortably hot. photo by Michaela Kanger

by Betsy Lee

# Preparation for a Spirited Show

Peering into a mirror lit by a blue, florescent glow, trembling hands made last minute adjustments to hair and makeup backstage. As the lights in Mary Linn Performing Arts Center dimmed, performers rushed to their places, mouthing the lines that they had been going over for the past month. The humorous acts and vocal presentations of the Homecoming Variety Show were the result of weeks of planning, which culminated in three evening performances.

Preparations for the show began several weeks prior when committees and musical performers came up with ideas for the Oct. 17 production that would parallel the theme, "Bobby Takes a Vacation."

"First, our skit chairs came up with ideas for the skit," Gina Tominia, Alpha Sigma Alpha member, said. "Then, we had auditions for the main parts. If you didn't get a main part, you just signed up to be an extra."

The Greek skits and individual performers went through auditions a month before the show. After the selections, rehearsals began.

"We had been practicing every day for the last month," Jake Akerson said. "I was really excited. I'd been hoping this day would get here."

As the anticipation rose, so did the nervous feelings surrounding opening night. Michelle Forsen dealt with the butterflies by getting her mind off the performance.

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—Brandon  
Stanley

"The first night I was pretty nervous," Forsen said. "To prepare, I got there early, drank a lot of water and tried to talk to a lot of people to keep my mind off the show."

Other students chose to focus on their performance to deal with their apprehension. Masters of Ceremony Brandon Stanley and Adam Nelson were going over their lines in the last few minutes before the show.

"I wasn't too nervous," Stanley said. "I just wanted to relax and have fun. We didn't want to mess up and make asses of ourselves."

The hours of rehearsals paid off. The Variety Show kicked off the Homecoming week leaving the audience in fits of laughter.



During the 2000 Variety Show, Andy Mackey received a ticket for indecent exposure.



Buzz Sutherfield was the first nonstudent to ever host the Variety Show.





During the "Road Rules/World Extreme Challenge" skit, James Pate and Alan Colling hold Todd Kenney. The men of Kappa Sigma teamed with the women of Delta Zeta for their skit. photo by Michaela Kanger



by Betsy Lee

## Royal moment in time

Anticipation mounted in Mary Linn Performing Arts Center as the naming of the Homecoming king and queen approached. The audience chattered among themselves, speculating who would be crowned on Oct. 17.

Each Homecoming candidate was announced individually as they made their way to the stage. King candidates Jacob Akehurst, Dallas Archer, Shane Foust, Logan Lightfoot and Sean Sanchez escorted queen candidates Crystal Beckham, Brooke Hansen, Shannon Knierim, Corinne Moszczynski and Keri Stangl.

When the last couple was introduced, royalty assistants, Claire Porterfield and Alec Tatum, waved and blew kisses to the crowd while carrying the crowns for the king and queen. The two 5-year-olds looked up in awe at the Homecoming Court.

After the cheers died down, Archer accepted his crown graciously. When Moszczynski was crowned queen, she jumped up and down excitedly before hugging her escort and joining Archer in the middle of the stage.

Taking their places as the new Homecoming king and queen, the two proudly wore their crowns as the audience applauded. A week filled with school spirit had begun.



With a new queen, former royalty Carissa Bolinger crowns Corinne Moszczynski. photo by Michaela Kanger



A bit of assistance allows the two participants in the Variety show to prepare for the event. Backstage preparation was a nervous ordeal. photo by Michaela Kanger

Hula girls from Sigma Kappa dance after Bobby is revived during the skit, "Weekend at Bobby's." There were six skits included in the variety show, along with 10 musical acts. photo by Michaela Kanger

Students line up to test their flexibility with the Middle Eastern students during the limbo. Later, the Middle Eastern students performed the limbo. photo by Amanda Byler

While volunteering at the Middle Eastern Student Association table, Gasim Ibrahimkhan helps Eason Manning try on an Arabic Shemagh. "I have many friends that are international students and it was good to learn more about them," Manning said. photo by Amanda Byler



Walkout Day began in 1915.



Walkout day originally marked the end of freshmen hazing at Northwest.



The hazing could last as long as five weeks, in which the freshmen were forced to wear a beanie.



The hazing period ended when six freshmen kidnapped the student body president in protest.



The first international student was accepted into the school in 1937.

Source:  
Tower 2000  
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by Jill Robinson

# A Day of Diversity

It was the kickoff to Homecoming weekend. A tradition dating back to 1915. Walkout Day, Oct. 19, meant no classes and an abundance of school spirit. While the concept was the same, an emphasis on cultural diversity dominated the day's festivities.

Previously scheduled for Family Day in past years, the Festival of Cultures encompassed

Afghanistan, it was a special day for me. I was proud to represent my country, but there was anger, sadness, and in the beginning, I was embarrassed. I couldn't lose trust in my country though, and I'm praying for peace."

Mansoor was one of many students representing 40 countries at the ceremony. Other culturally diverse events scheduled for

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**-Mhaleena Mansoor**

such activities as the Fourth Annual Flag Raising Ceremony at the Joyce and Harvey White International Plaza. With the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11 still fresh in everyone's mind, there was a new-found respect for the event.

"My feelings were of mixed emotions," Mhaleena Mansoor said. "Being from

the day included the Mapapa Acrobats from Kenya and the Middle Eastern Student Association's fund-raiser for Afghan children.

It was a day without classes and full of cultural awareness. While some students prepared for Saturday's game, many were appreciating the diverse student population Northwest had to offer.



**Four proud international students** raise the Kenyan flag. As the flag raising ceremony progressed, more lines of students joined in eager to assist. *photo by Amanda Byler*

**The Latvian flag is raised** by Agnis Retenai at the International Plaza. Retenai was from Tukums and was the first student from Latvia to attend Northwest. *photo by Michaela Kanger*

# Creativity and Pride Fill the Streets

Creating a masterpiece with chickenwire and tissue paper was the challenge facing organizations entering floats in the Homecoming Parade.

Most fraternities teamed up with a sorority to build floats that revolved around the Homecoming theme: "Bobby Takes a Vacation."

Alpha Sigma Alpha and Delta Chi joined together to create their float, "Bon Voyage Bobby." The idea behind the creation was inspired by "Gilligan's Island."

"Overall we were very pleased with the results," Delta Chi Joe Prokop said. "Building the float was the easiest part, but forming everything with the chicken wire was the hardest and most time consuming."

The results of the parade competitions and the rest of Homecoming week, were announced Sunday, Oct. 21, at Rickenbrode Stadium. Phi Mu took home nine awards, including first in all clown competitions and second in the highly competitive float division.

"Being a senior, I was proud to see everything come together with positive energy and have such good things come out of it," Phi Mu Stephanie Burkett said. "I'm proud of them, they are great girls."

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It was good to see everyone's hard work pay off in the end.

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-Jason Washam

For the fraternities, Tau Kappa Epsilon came away with first place in the mini-float and the jalopy competitions, as well as second in the paper mache clowns.

TKE Jason Washam said the awards were only a small gratification when the floats were completed. The expressions of the people watching the parade were what really mattered to him.

"It was good to see everyone's hard work pay off in the end," Washam said. "Guys stayed up really late and then, during the parade, to see their work was a great accomplishment."

After nights of aching hands and tired eyes, people that participated in the parade were proud of their creations. During Homecoming week, organizations found out what it meant to work as a team.



**Homecoming Royalty** Corinne Moszczynski and Dallas Archer are accompanied by Royalty Assistants Claire Porterfield and Alec Tatum. The Homecoming parade started at 9:30 a.m. photo by Michaela Kanger

**While handing out lollipops** to the crowd, Sigma Sigma Sigma member, Carissa Kalkbrenner grabs one for herself. Many participated in the event. photo by Shane McAsey



There were 158 entries in the parade.



The Bearcat Marching Band was accompanied by 29 high school bands on the parade route



Twenty-eight awards were given out for parade competitions.



**A remix of Steppenwolf's "Magic Carpet Ride,"** plays as the new associate members of Delta Chi dance for the crowd. The group had won an award for their dance for the past four years. *photo by Michaela Kanger*

**Sigma Society members** Betsy Burgess, Katie Curtis, Sabrina Marques, Catrina Pelton and Holly Miller strut down Fourth Street during the Homecoming Parade. The society was broken into groups that were spread throughout the parade. *photo by Shane McAsey*



by Mandy Lauck

# Hickory Stick Switches Hands

On Oct. 20, 9,500 screaming fans squeezed into Rickenbrode Stadium with one goal in mind: retain ownership of the revered hickory stick. The game against Truman State University went down to the wire, leaving Bearcat fans hanging in suspense through the final seconds.

The extra point by Ibarra was complete, putting the score at 10-0.

The Bulldogs put their first points on the board when quarterback Eric Howe passed to split end Alfonso Pugh to score a touchdown making the it 10-7. The Bearcats would put seven more points on the board with a 1-yard

**“These things won’t happen often, but that’s the way life is, not everything goes the way you want it.”**

-Mel Tjeerdsma

This tradition dated back to 1930 when Northwest granted the hickory stick to Northeast Missouri State Teacher’s College, which later became Truman State University. The battle continued between the two schools, with the Bearcats in possession of the stick prior to the Homecoming game.

It was a slow start to the game, the defense held each team from moving down the field. The Bearcats retained possession with 10:49 left in the first quarter and slowly crept toward the end zone. After gaining 27 yards on seven plays, kicker Eddie Ibarra kicked a 28-yard field goal to put the Bearcats up by three.

At the start of the second quarter, Bearcat running back Geromy Scaggs rushed for six yards to score the first touchdown of the game.

run from fullback Maurice Douglas to make the halftime score 17-7.

With 12 seconds to go in the game and a score of 23-17 in favor of the ‘Cats, the possession of the hickory stick changed hands. The Bulldogs went on an 8-play, 75 yard march to score the final touchdown and win the game 24-23.

Head football coach Mel Tjeerdsma felt the game was a lesson in life for the team.

“These things won’t happen often, but that’s the way life is,” Tjeerdsma said. “Not everything goes the way you want it.”

Despite the loss, the Bearcats gave the alumni, students and community a memorable Homecoming game. The hickory stick may have changed hands, but the Northwest school spirit remained.



Since 1946 the Bearcats have been 25-24-1 for the homecoming game.



The Don Black award has been given out for the last 29 years and has had 30 recipients.



A game against Washburn University in 1990 was held up because of a hailstorm.

Source:  
[www.nwmissouri.edu](http://www.nwmissouri.edu), Andy  
Seeley, Director of Sports  
Information

Truman State University players taunt Northwest after the game; head football coach Mel Tjeerdsma tells his players not to worry about the Bulldogs. The Bearcats lost 24-23 to Truman in the last minutes of the game. photo by Michaela Kanger





**Running back Ryan Hackett** dodges Truman State University's defensive back Shaun Lowery. Hackett received the Don Black Trophy for most valuable player. *photo by Michaela Kanger*

**After a Northwest penalty is announced,** Bearcat fans make their disgust known. With increasing attendance at the Homecoming game, seats soon became scarce. *photo by Amanda Byler*





# Homecoming Unfolds

## Wednesday

With the help of Curtis Feather, Nizar Azarkane covers the Alpha Kappa Lambda float in blue and purple tissue paper. Construction of the floats began weeks before the parade *photo by Christina Campobasso*

### ■ Variety Show

The night of skits and individual performances began at 7 p.m. at the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center to start the week's events.

### ■ Crowning of royalty

Following the Variety Show, Dallas Archer and Comme Moszczynski were named Homecoming king and queen.



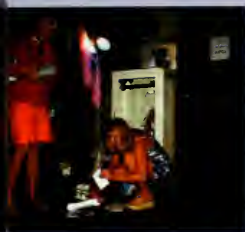
## Friday

- Walkout Day
- Golden Anniversary Homecoming Reunion- 9 a.m.
- Festival of Cultures- 12-5 p.m.
- Fourth Annual Flag Raising Ceremony- 2 p.m.
- Variety Show- 7:30 p.m.



Observers gather around as the American flag is raised at the flag raising ceremony on Friday *photo by Amanda Byler*

President Dean Hubbard visits with students at the cultural fair on Walkout day. The fair went on all afternoon *photo by Amanda Byler*



As the lights behind the stage dim, Brandon Stanley and Kathy Hundley search for last-minute items before the beginning of Thursday night's show. Stanley and Hundley were two of the four masters of ceremony. *photo by Michaela Kanger*

"There You'll Be," is sung by Jennifer Munroe during the homecoming performance. There were eight musical acts in the show. *photo by Michaela Kanger*



Bobby Bearcat gasps as he learns that he missed the homecoming game and the Bearcats lost to Kirksville. The skit by Sigma Sigma Sigma and Tau Kappa Epsilon featured Bobby traveling around the country thanks to a contest on MTV. *photo by Michaela Kanger*

#### ■ Variety Show

At 7 p.m. the second night of laughs continued to promote school spirit.

## Thursday

## Saturday

Bearcat football players bow their heads as the "Star Spangled Banner" plays before the game. The royalty was announced at the variety show Wednesday night and the entire court took to make an appearance at each additional show throughout the week. *photo by Michaela Kanger*



Truman State University Bulldogs attempt to stop Northwest from gaining yardage by grabbing onto a jersey. After leading for most of the game, the 'Cats lost to the Grifions in the last minute. *photo by Amanda Byler*

- Homecoming Welcome, Alumni House- 8:30 a.m.
- Golden Anniversary Homecoming Reunion- 9 a.m.
- Homecoming Parade- 9:30 a.m.
- Bobby Bearcat Challenge, Intramural Fields- 11 a.m.
- Class of 2001 E-Dome Dedication, Student Union- 11:30 a.m.
- Football vs. Truman State University- 2 p.m.
- KXCV 30th Anniversary Reunion, Student Union- 6:30 p.m.

by Betsy Lee

Whether it was on or off campus, the experience offered valuable lessons.

# Two Worlds,

It's 2 a.m., and Hudson Hall room 206 is teeming with people who have just come in from a night on the town. A lively game of football breaks out in the hallway. Other students complain about the noisy game and the resident assistant on-duty is forced to write up the entire party for a "quiet hours" violation.

"I've gotten written up three times for being loud during quiet hours," Nick Tones said. "A couple of weeks ago

we got busted, and people hid in the closets to keep from getting written up by the RA."

There were many regulations that governed the life in the residence halls. Students like Tones and Casey Tedrow agreed with most of them because they forced people to be courteous to each other.

"I don't have a major problem with any of the rules," Tedrow said. "I just wish people would be more courteous. People shouldn't be peeing in the elevator; that happened this weekend. I mean, we all have to live here."

All incoming freshmen and students with under 30 credit hours were required to live in the residence halls. According to the Residential Life office, approximately 2,230 students lived on campus.

Living in close quarters meant constant contact with fellow students. Forced to live in such conditions meant getting to know a variety of students.

"There are so many people here, there is always someone having fun," Tones said. "Plus you get to meet people from so many different places."

Tedrow found out how she could change the atmosphere of her floor by understanding what each person was all about. It was this living experience that created many memories for students.

"Getting to know the people on your floor is so important," Tedrow said. "It's important because it makes the dorm feel like home. You start to feel like your floor is your pseudo-family."



To escape the monotony of school food, Betsy Burgess and Emily Dettmer cook spaghetti. The residence halls provided stoves and microwaves on the first floor of each hall. *photo by Shane McAsey*



J.W. Jones Student Union  
Pizza Slice \$1.55  
Hamburger \$1.85  
Cheeseburger \$2.05  
Fries \$1.10  
Med. Drink \$1.99



McDonalds  
Combo \$3.09  
Hamburger \$.89  
Cheeseburger \$1.09  
Med. Fries \$1.59  
Med. Drink \$1.09



Pizza Hut  
Med. Pepperoni Pizza  
\$10.29  
Domino's  
Med. Pepperoni Pizza  
\$10.75 including tax



# One Choice

It was pure and utter freedom. No parents, no resident assistant, no curfew and no quiet hours. Life was one big celebration. Then, all of a sudden, the rent was due; the countless spaghetti dinners got old and the realization hit that living off-campus was one step closer to life in the real world.

"Life in the dorms is a gradual step," Kelly Nolan said. "You go from being supervised by your parents to being supervised by your RA. Living off-campus you are on your own. No one is watching over you."

Most students in houses or apartments had few rules governing their lives. It was this new freedom that many students found after life in a residence hall.

"I feel like I'm in charge of my own life now," Laura Yandell said. "I can make my own decisions. I am learning about life. And I can be alone sometimes."

Having additional privacy was one of the many perks of moving out of the residence halls. But with those perks came several disadvantages that became apparent after a few months.

"Transportation is the biggest downside of living off-campus," Roger Byers said. "Getting to campus is difficult, and it's always hard to find parking."

Increased cost was also a drawback to living in a house or apartment. Students living off-campus were usually required to sign a twelve-month lease, which increased their living expenses. According to the Residence Hall office, students living in the halls paid an average of \$4,350 for room and board, over a nine-month period.

According to a survey, off-campus living expenses averaged \$4,625 over a twelve-month period. But for students like Yandell, the extra cost was a small price to pay.

"The benefits of living off-campus are priceless," Yandell said. "If someone said they would give me a \$1,000 for my independence, I'd say screw off. I wouldn't give it up for anything."



Being off campus allows Emily Vanbuskirk, Amanda Sanderson and Nick Shepard to enjoy a party to relieve stress and get together with friends. Many students that lived in houses or apartments also enjoyed the privilege of having pets and more privacy. *photo by Michaela Kanger*



Wal-Mart  
hamburger meat  
\$1.89lb  
Great Value \$ .93  
Great Value \$ .98  
Great Value \$1.37



Hy-Vee  
hamburger meat \$1.99lb  
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Econo Foods  
Econo spaghetti  
noodles \$.89 16oz.  
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Lead singer Steve Ewing belts out lyrics from the stage of Mary Linn Performing Arts Center. The band opened with its song "Don't Ask Why," photo by Michaela Kanger

**“It's about time they got some cool bands to come to Northwest.”**

- Jessi Burgher



With the crowd in a frenzy, lead guitarist Jerry Jost throws his arms up in the air as bassist Karl Grable and lead singer Steve Ewing dance toward drummer John Pessoni. Throughout the performance the band members would dance wildly around stage. photo by Michaela Kanger



Fingers fly over the strings as bassist Karl Grable concentrates on playing in front of the excited crowd. Students had to wait a half hour longer for the show to start due to the band's late arrival from traffic delays in St. Joseph, Mo. photo by Michaela Kanger



Students got a personal performance when lead singer, Steve Ewing, jumped off stage and joined the fans in the first row. Extra people crammed into the front before the band came on and tried to start a mosh pit during the opening song, only to be pushed back by the guards. photo by Michaela Kanger



There were 1,100 tickets sold for the Urge Concert for \$5. Out of the 1,100 tickets sold, 1,000 people attended.



Lead singer Steve Ewing lives in Los Angeles, requiring the band members to record their songs separately.



"The Urge" was inspired by such bands as "The Police," "The Clash," "Fishbone" and "Red Hot Chili Peppers."



Jerry Jost's younger brother, Mike, played the drums for the opening band, "Disturbing the Peace."

Sources:  
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by Jill Robinson

# Feel the Urge

*A much-anticipated concert finally arrives at Northwest*

The thumping beat of the bass and drums rattled through the chest in an odd sensation of rhythm and vibration. At last, it was Northwest's turn to experience the adrenaline rush of a concert on campus.

After singer Edwin McCain cancelled his Sept. 13 appearance, "The Urge" came to Mary Linn Performing Arts Center to replace the act. For many students, no tears were shed at the last minute change.

"It's about time they got some cool bands to come to Northwest," Jessi Burgher said.

The enthusiasm was evident, but it was no easy task to get the headline band to Maryville. As a result of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks and grounded flights, lead singer Steve Ewing was unable to fly out of Los Angeles. The original performance date was postponed, prompting rumors of yet another cancellation, but the St. Louis band agreed to make the trip on a later date.

Preparation for "The Urge's" arrival began at 11 a.m., Oct. 3. Students helped set up the light and sound systems that the opening band, "Disturbing the Peace," and "The Urge" would be using.

Dave Larson, a technical theater major, said this was a relatively easy performance to prepare for. The only major concern was the sound system.

"This was just meant to be loud, which was great," Larson said.

Delays in St. Joseph increased the anticipation backstage. Arriving over an hour and a half past their scheduled set up time, the only signs of stress came from behind the scenes. When the band finally arrived, Ewing calmly strolled around

backstage with a suspicious-looking bottle that had the label peeled off.

At last, the audience in the nearly-packed auditorium rose to its feet in excitement. "Disturbing the Peace" took the stage and played a handful of alternative songs with a hard edge and an abundance of screaming. The crowd, however, stayed generally subdued. But when the black backdrop with "The Urge" stitched in red, orange and white appeared, the crowd erupted in a frenzy of screams and cheers. An isolated few even tried to climb into the empty orchestra pit during the opening song.

"I really got into it, and the first time it got dark we tried to get in there and mosh," Jonathan Hutchins said. "The staff in the pit threw us out, but the show was really good."

The high-energy music utilized the unique sounds of a trombone, saxophone and keyboard. Drummer John Pessoni explained the sound of their music as "schizophrenic." Ewing said it did not have a name.

"It can't be defined," Ewing said. "In a perfect world, I would like it to be defined just as 'Urge' music."

It did not matter what genre of music it was, after five years of waiting, students finally got their headline band. The show came to a close, the cheering stopped and the ringing in their ears began. Students, energized from the show, filed out talking loudly about the highlights of the night and when the next band would make an appearance at Northwest.



The changes were almost visible on the surface. For Julie Polc, three years of college life and new experiences transformed her way of thinking. photo by Amanda Byler, photo illustration by Cody Snapp

by Jill Robinson

# Reflection of Growth

*A balance of play and work shapes freshmen into seniors.*

The contents of her sandwich spilled onto her plate. Surrounded by the hum of conversation in the J.W. Jones Student Union, Julie Pole struggled with her overstuffed sub. It was not just the sandwich that seemed to be falling through her fingers. Come December, all that had been established in the last couple years at Northwest would be nothing more than fond memories and learning experiences.

"It's freaking me out," Pole said. "I'm very ready to be done with school; I'm very ready to be married and to get my master's. But at the same time, everything is just so perfect right now."

An elementary education major from Blue Springs, Mo., Pole arrived at Northwest her freshman year with expectations of heavy course loads and a disciplined social life. Like many students thrust into the grips of reality, these ideals changed with each trimester.

Quick to get attention by humoring her audiences with witty remarks, Pole admitted to being much more subdued her first year of school. She said even though Northwest offered her a more diverse view of the world, it was the influence of her peers' unique backgrounds and cultures that opened her eyes to new ideas.

"I'm more willing to try new things," Pole said. "I led a sheltered life and wasn't exposed

to different beliefs and cultures. It's so much more stimulating to be in this environment."

Perhaps the greatest influence on Pole was her friends. A private person by nature, it was her best friend Sarah that coaxed out the wild-streak in her personality, took her to the bar for the first time and sparked conversations about religion and life like no one else ever had.

It was these small details that shifted Pole's mind-set from strictly academics, to the full experience of play and work. Understanding the need for both worlds was one of the biggest changes Pole had gone through.

"My priority my freshman year was my G.P.A.," Pole said. "I was all academics. But my senior year, I started taking advantage of every opportunity I had to spend time with friends and experience college."

The growing process was subtle. It was not until Pole reflected on her past adventures that she discovered the person she had become was quite different than the timid freshman from Blue Springs she was three years ago.

"When I was a freshman, becoming a senior was so far away, it wasn't a tangible goal," Pole whispered in amazement. "Now it's my senior year, and where did the years go? It's gone by so quickly."



Only 16.1 percent of students currently hold a bachelor's degree.



Northwest had 365 students transfer during the fall trimester.



Approximately 65 to 85 percent of all college students change majors at least one time during their education.



Only 1 percent of beginning students expect to drop out, however 40 percent actually do.



Eight percent of students expect to take extra time to finish their degree but 60 percent do.

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by Jennifer Louk/Mandy Lauck

# Fierce Words Escalate Rivalry

Forty-three miles separated the black and gold Griffons of Missouri Western State College from the green and white Bearcats. The long-standing rivalry between the two schools drew bitter emotions from each school during the many athletic events.

"The rivalry between us and Missouri Western is a natural one because of the close proximity and a lot of people knowing each other," Andrew Parmenter said.

Competing on the football field since 1981, the Bearcats have lead the series 11-8, winning the last four match-ups. Four consecutive victories have made history as the longest winning streak over Griffons since the rivalry began.

The basketball rivalry with Missouri Western was intense even before the Griffons were in the MIAA Conference. A packed gymnasium of taunting fans lead to nothing short of heated

competition.

"We have had a rivalry with Mo. West for the entire time I have been here, and that has been at least 20 years," men's head basketball coach, Steve Tappmeyer said. "We try to prepare for each game the same way, but I would be lying if I didn't say that the game with them is a little more special."

Tappmeyer went on to say that rivalries had a positive influence on the players creating, a greater sense of focus and competitiveness to please the crowd. One fan, Jon Yates, a Northwest Alumnus and manager of The Pub, had strong feelings against the Griffons.

"Not liking Mo. West is just the thing you are suppose to do if you are a Northwest student," Yates said.

Not only did Yates not like Missouri Western, he made shirts that supported his attitudes. According to Yates, the shirts had been made every year for the last four to five years.

"I like making the shirts," Yates said. "Everyone gets a kick out of them and it's fun to do."

Despite the 37-30 loss to the Griffons Nov. 3, Missouri Western fans and Northwest fans alike had their opinion on who was the better team. Through T-shirts, taunting cheers and intense competition, a long-standing rivalry between two neighboring schools have made the match-ups even more exciting.

**Griffons fans display** their anti-Northwest apparel as the band takes the field. Missouri Western State College students wore shirts that stated the differences between the two schools, implying that Northwest was made up of hillbillies. photo by Michaela Kanger







In front of a crowd of Bearcat fans, students from Missouri Western State College display a banner that reads "Home of the Pussy Cats." They then hung the sign on the fence in front of the stands, but Northwest fans tore the sign during the game so that is said "Home of the Cats." photo by Michaela Kanger

Before the start of the game, Northwest students taunt Missouri Western State College fans. To show their dislike for the Griffons, T-shirts with "Muck Fowest" were worn to the game. photo by Michaela Kanger



Northwest holds the longest winning streak against Missouri Western State College with four consecutive victories.



The Griffin was chosen in 1918. The mythical guardian of riches, was selected because education was viewed as a precious treasure.



The Bearcat name was given in 1926 by the Drury College basketball team who had come to know Maryville as tough competitors.



Football Players

Northwest: 99  
Missouri Western: 87



Basketball Players

Northwest: 17  
Missouri Western: 12

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by Jill Robinson

# A DARK DAY IN AMERICAN HISTORY

On Sept. 11, time stopped and a shocked world watched the terrible events unfold, forever changing life as it was known.

What concerns flashed through your mind before you went to bed the night of Monday, Sept. 10? Was it worries of papers yet unfinished? What you were going to wear to class the next day? Or how you were going to pay your bills?

Were you laughing with friends during a late night heart-to-heart? Stressing about a relationship? Or thinking it was just the beginning of another mundane week?

No one drifted off to sleep, dreaming of two landmarks crumbling out of New York City's skyline or the nation's military headquarters erupting in a ball of flames. Forget the fleeting thought of the hundreds injured, the thousands killed and the millions whose lives would never be the same.

It will forever remain a black day in American history. No one could begin to fathom the horrific events that would unravel on that unassuming Tuesday morning. What shattered everything Sept. 11 was not a dream; it was a nightmare more terrible than anyone could have ever imagined.

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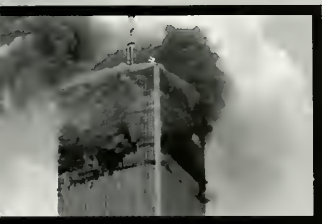
A fiery blast rocks the World Trade Center after being hit by two planes Sept. 11 in New York City. photo provided by Spencer Platt/Getty Images



People watch the World Trade Center burn Sept. 11 after two hijacked airplanes slammed into the twin towers in New York City. photo by Spencer Platt/Getty Images



Plumes of smoke pour from the World Trade Center. Planes crashed into the upper floors of both towers minutes apart in a scene of explosions and fires. photo provided by Associated Press



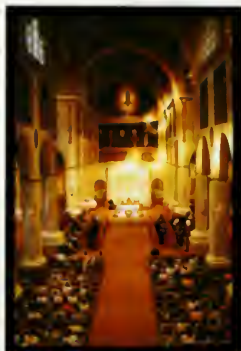
**Fire and smoke** billow from the north tower of the World Trade Center. Mounting an audacious attack against the United States, terrorists brought down the twin 110-story towers. *photo provided by Associated Press*



**Smoke comes out** from the Southwest E-ring of the Pentagon building in Arlington, Va., after a plane crashed into the military headquarters. *photo provided by Alex Wong/Getty Images*



President Bush puts his arm around firefighter Bob Beckwith in front of the World Trade Center. Bush is standing on a burned firetruck. photo provided by Associated Press



After a day of shock, Conception Abbey is filled with people praying for those affected by the tragedies. The hymn "Oh Lamp of God" was one of the many songs played at the service. photo by Michaela Kanger



A hug comforts Keely Burns after the vigil at the Bell Tower Sept. 11. Students gathered around various radios and televisions to hear updates throughout the day. photo by Melissa Galitz



Silence surrounds the Bell Tower as students bow their heads in prayer. Students and staff attended the vigil on Sept. 11 to cope with the days events as a family. photo by Melissa Galitz



The Dave Matthews Band song "Crash into Me" was one of the many songs to be cut from the play list on Sept. 11.



There is 17.5 miles of corridors in the Pentagon.



The World Trade Center building number 7 collapsed seven hours after the first one fell down.



World Trade Center 1 took 4 years to build. The second building was ready in 2 years.



The World Complex consisted of the Towers, a 47-story office and two, nine-story buildings, a eight-story U.S. Custom House, and a 22-story hotel.



The band "The Coup" was had to remove their cover for a yet to be released CD that showed the buildings being blown up.



by Jill Robinson

## A NATION COMES TOGETHER IN THE MIDST OF DESTRUCTION

*Services and prayer provide support for a community in disbelief.*

Hushed stillness draped across their tense shoulders and bowed heads. They whispered solemnly, prayed and stared blankly at the rich blues and golds painted on the high arches of Conception Abbey. Thoughts of the malicious events Sept. 11 were apparent on everyone's shocked faces.

Despite the thousands of miles between the collapsing Twin Towers, burning Pentagon and smoldering remains of the plane in Pennsylvania, students and faculty sat glued in front of the television, radio or both, trying to make sense of what had just occurred.

"When I heard that it happened, I don't know if I really had a reaction," Channing Horner, assistant professor of modern language, said. "I think that I was really just kind of numb, and I was listening to the radio before the very last second I had to go class."

Those at Northwest were not immune to the devastation and fear that had plagued New York City and Washington, D.C. Connections to friends and family that were working or visiting the East Coast wove everyone into the equation of fear, anger and apprehension.

"My dad was actually at the Pentagon when the plane hit," Colby Cantrell said. "So for most of the

day I was terrified. He finally called in the evening, and that's when it hit me that thousands of other families weren't going to get a call like that."

Services were hastily put together in response to the tragedy. Several area churches and campus church organizations offered an outlet for the shocked and grief-stricken. Along with the campus activities, Conception Abbey, a monastery in the countryside of Conception Junction, Mo., organized a service for the community.

A combination of music, sermon and prayer helped calm the racing minds. Gathering at 7 p.m., Sept. 11, the congregation focused on a service of prayer for those who were killed, as well as the hope for any survivors. Horner said creating a sense of family in a time of tragedy was the goal for the evening.

"I think it's really important to have that sense of community," Horner said. "One of the things that was really strong that evening was that this was a community that went far beyond the Benedictine community, far beyond the Roman Catholic community. It was the people in the broadest sense of family having a chance to do something together."

FEMA Urban Search and Rescue teams work to clear rubble and search for survivors at the World Trade Center. photo provided by Mickael Rieger/FEMA News Photo



Unemployment in October shot up 4 percent, which is the highest it has been in the past two decades.



The Pentagon has a confirmed death toll of 189, including the 64 people that died on American Airlines Flight 77.



Below the World Trade Center, large vaults held the evidence for the CIA as well as The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.



The number of people reported missing from the attacks rose to 6,333 after not moving since Sept. 11.



Forty-two countries reported people missing who had been known to work at The World Trade Centers.



The Pentagon was one of the world's largest office buildings.

by Mandy Lanch

# DAY OF PRAYER OFFERS A SENSE OF HOPE AND HEALING ON CAMPUS

*Planned events continue to help students cope with the terrorist attacks.*

People were white as ghosts. They were shocked and appalled. They were holding others in their arms, comforting them as they sobbed uncontrollably. As more and more of a crowd gathered, sympathetic looks were exchanged. No one thought this would ever happen.

On September 11, the United States felt one of the most severe terrorist attacks in history. Three hijacked planes crashed into the Pentagon and the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center in New York City. The world watched as both Towers tumbled to the ground in a matter of hours. Thousands were killed and hundreds more were injured as chaos spread throughout the country.

Not many people would have thought that an attack so far away would have affected the lives and feelings of people in Maryville. When the attack first happened, University President Dean Hubbard and Ken White, vice president for communication and marketing, knew they had to do something.

"The President and I were actually having lunch when we found out about the attack on New York," White said. "We both looked at each other and knew we needed to do something. We decided to have a gathering at the Bell Tower. I asked the President if he would give a speech, and he said he would. Everything was planned in one hour."

White said he knew that students were going to need support groups while at the Bell Tower service. Campus Ministries and counselors from

the Counseling Center were asked to help students who were affected by the attack.

"I just couldn't believe my eyes when I saw it on television," Maria Nanninga said. "I can't wait until they find out who did it and punish them."

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by Mandy Lauck

# DAY OF PRAYER OFFERS A SENSE OF HOPE AND HEALING ON CAMPUS

*Planned events continue to help students cope with the terrorist attacks.*

People were white as ghosts. They were shocked and appalled. They were holding others in their arms, comforting them as they sobbed uncontrollably. As more and more of a crowd gathered, sympathetic looks were exchanged. No one thought this would ever happen.

On September 11, the United States felt one of the most severe terrorist attacks in history. Three hijacked planes crashed into the Pentagon and the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center in New York City. The world watched as both Towers tumbled to the ground in a matter of hours. Thousands were killed and hundreds more were injured as chaos spread throughout the country.

Not many people would have thought that an attack so far away would have affected the lives and feelings of people in Maryville. When the attack first happened, University President Dean Hubbard and Ken White, vice president for communication and marketing, knew they had to do something.

"The President and I were actually having lunch when we found out about the attack on New York," White said. "We both looked at each other and knew we needed to do something. We decided to have a gathering at the Bell Tower. I asked the President if he would give a speech, and he said he would. Everything was planned in one hour."

White said he knew that students were going to need support groups while at the Bell Tower service. Campus Ministries and counselors from

the Counseling Center were asked to help students who were affected by the attack.

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## EMOTIONS FLOODED BY PRIDE

*A combination of music, sermon and prayer helped calm the racing minds. Gathering at 7 p.m., Sept. 11, the congregation focused on a service of prayer for those who were killed*

After the terrorist attack on September 11, many American citizens were focused on one topic: "How can I help?"

At the same time the National Day of Prayer was held on Sept. 13, a decision was made. The University wanted to help, and the Helping Hands fund drive was put into effect.

This charity project placed two secure boxes on campus. One was put in the first floor of the J.W. Jones Student Union, and the other was placed on the first floor of the Administration Building.

"We wanted to put the boxes in places that both students, faculty and staff could utilize them," vice president for communication and marketing, Ken White said.

The proceeds in each boxes went to the Red Cross, with a request that each student give \$2. The University wanted to raise a total amount of around \$20,000. The donations in the box were less than they hoped for, but other independent donations from fraternities, sororities and a variety of organizations helped increase the total.

One student who felt compelled to do something for the attack victims was Nathan Brooks. Brooks and Bryan Vanosdale, director of campus activities, set up a Memorial Concert. All donations went to the victims of the Sept. 11 tragedies. The concert held in Charles Johnson Theater, consisted of students and faculty

who performed various talents. One thousand students and one faculty member performed at the fund-raiser. Brooks said the event was a great way to contribute to the many people in need of assistance.

Fund-raisers were not the only demonstration of patriotism. A stream of national pride ran through the campus. American flags were hung from windows in office buildings and residence halls. Provost Taylor Barnes, a veteran of the Air Force, hung a flag in the window of his office.

"I felt an overwhelming need to show my support for America," Barnes said. "A flag in the window was just a small contribution to the patriotism needed right now."

As American flags flew proudly and the National Anthem was sung with enthusiasm, the University took part in the return to normalcy in America, even despite being miles from the destruction.



The Red Cross raised over \$140 million, making them the leading benefactor of the relief fund.



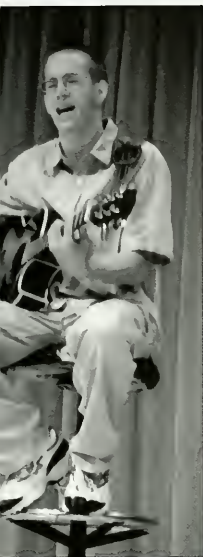
Five children in Sudbury, Mass. raised a total of \$10,00 by selling patriotic red, white, and blue jelly beans.



The efforts of 2,362 restaurants in "Dine for America" raised \$12.5 million Oct. 11; proceeds went to charities.

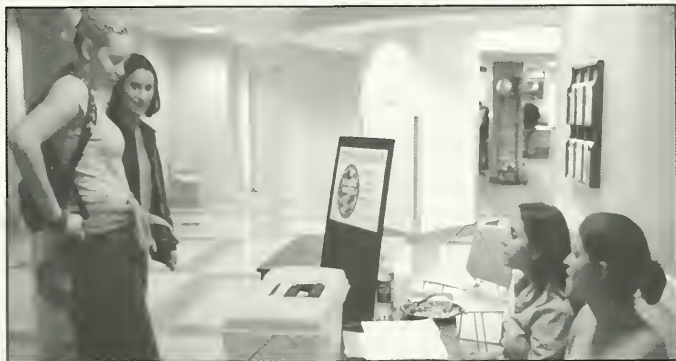
Jimi Hendrix's "Freebird" comes to life with the help of a guitar and harmonica. Dylan Minor and David Clisbee shared their talents at the Memorial Concert. photo by Amanda Byler

The talented trio of Sarah Comfort, Megan Allbaugh and Sara Sampson demonstrate their musical talents at the Memorial Concert. Money was collected and donated to the victims of the Sept. 11 attacks. photo by Michaela Kanger



Campus and community members gather to remember the attacks while David Welsh sings and plays guitar to "Lighting Crashes" by Live. The program consisted of several different forms of musical acts. *photo by Michaela Kanger*

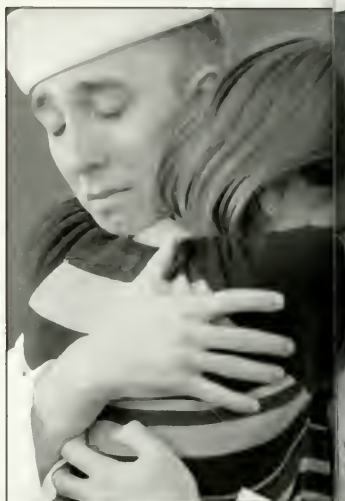
On their way to lunch Bridget Walter and Jen Reiman are motivated by Ali Eaters and Clarissa Kalkbrenner to donate to the Helping Hands fund. Members of organizations volunteered to collect money for the Red Cross. *photo by Amanda Byler*





Husband and wife Amanda and Matthew say goodbye as the aircraft carrier USS Theodore Roosevelt prepares to leave its home port at Norfolk, Va., Sept. 19. Just before the carrier left, Navy Secretary Gordon England addressed somber sailors over a loudspeaker from the bridge. *photo provided by Associated Press*

ROTC Member Julie Kirkpatrick places a flag near the memorial tree to symbolize her patriotic spirit. The tree was planted during the "Day of Remembrance" ceremony at the Bell Tower. *photo by Melissa Galitz*





by Betsy Lee

# STUDENTS FACE THE REALITY OF DEFENDING A NATION

As thousands sat glued to their television screens watching the events of Sept. 11, a select few were rising to duty. With an intense swelling of national pride behind them, individuals in the military were preparing to serve their country.

At Northwest, students involved in the ROTC or the National Guard waited nervously to hear from their bases.

"I was so confused when I first saw what had happened," Cadet Jared Britz said. "Then I heard that my unit had been put on alert and the reality set in that one day I could be in Maryville going to school, and then next day I could be gone."

This meant Britz, who was involved in the Field Artillery National Guard Unit and the ROTC had to be ready to leave within 24 hours after notification.

For Cadet Nick Soapes, who was also involved in the ROTC and National Guard, the attack did not mean guaranteed deployment, but it did change the atmosphere surrounding field drills and other military activities.

"We're more alert now and more aware of our surroundings," Soapes said.

Soapes did not face immediate placement because of a clause in his contract stating that he would not be called into active duty until he completed school.

"I'd love to help, but right now my priority is to

graduate," Soapes said. "After I graduate, and I get my commission, I'm gone. I'm off to save the world."

According to both cadets, the attacks prompted an increase in interest toward the ROTC and the National Guard.

"People are asking me questions all the time now," Britz said. "A bunch of guys I know told me they thought about enlisting. It's not so much a joke now."

Along with this new interest came increased visibility. When in uniform, both cadets were approached by students who had questions about the government response to the attacks.

"The first question I get when I walk in wearing my uniform is 'What's going on?'" Britz said. "People don't realize that I don't know any more than anyone else. I'm just waiting and hoping with the rest of the nation."



More than 250 Maryville community members gather around the ROTC colorguard on Oct. 12 at the Nodaway County Courthouse. Mayor Mike Thompson declared the occasion United We Stand Day for the one month anniversary of the attack. photo by Melissa Galitz



The flag is never to be worn on clothing apparel, bedding or to be allowed to be printed on anything disposable.



When a flag is flown from a pole the fly end should wave freely.



When displaying a flag vertically the canton, the stars, must be displayed in the upper left hand corner.



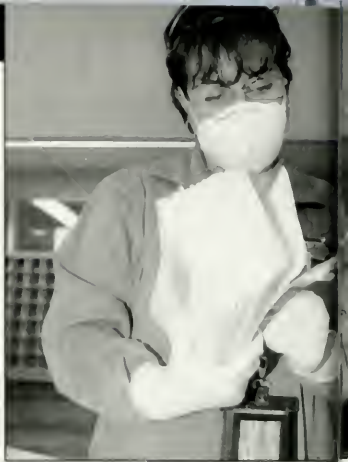
It is improper to display a flag draped on a car or podium.



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Consuelo García of Mexico City wears a surgical mask while separating incoming letters and packages from the United States. October 18, 2001 in Mexico City. The masks were used to protect workers from anthrax spores that might be in the mail. photo provided by Susana González. Getty Images

Two postal workers hang a sign on the Hamilton Mail Processing Center building in Hamilton, N.J. Two workers at the Hamilton site contracted anthrax. photo provided by William Thomas Cain. Getty Images



Inspecting a University package, Sharon Miller determines the weight of the envelope. After reports of anthrax hit the news, postal workers were required to pay closer attention to packages weighing over one pound. photo by Brett Stewart

by Betsy Lee

# ANTHRAX PROVOKES ANXIETY AMONG AREA POSTAL WORKERS

Each time a customer entered, a cheerful chime rang throughout the mail room, giving no indication of the tension that gripped the office just a few months ago.

While the country was still reeling from the Sept. 11 attacks, reports of anthrax exposure began to dominate the evening news. Because the powdery white chemical was sent through the mail, local postal workers became apprehensive about their working conditions and job security.

"If we don't have mail to deliver, we don't have jobs," Debbie Hill of the Maryville Post Office, said. "At first, I kind of doubted that it would affect us, but now I'm afraid because the scare cost the postal service a lot of money."

When the anthrax scare hit a little closer to home, anxiety among local workers increased. After anthrax spores were found at a Kansas City stamp fulfillment services center, both the Maryville Post Office and the University Mail/Copy Center held meetings to discuss the issue.

"We held an open forum," Cindy Capps, supervisor of the University Mail/Copy Center said. "We wanted our employees to be able to ask questions. We also wanted to let them know that if they were uncomfortable working here, we would help them find jobs elsewhere."

Previously unaffected by the anthrax reports, Capps was concerned by reports of anthrax within 100 miles of Maryville.

"That's way too close to remain confident," Capps said. "For a while after that, a couple of people wore gloves while sorting."

According to Hill, sorters at the Maryville Post Office also wore gloves to protect themselves. Another precaution taken at the local post office included a temporary suspension of the sale of previously stamped envelopes.

"For three weeks to a month they were doing nationwide tests on the spores of the envelopes," Hill said. "Otherwise, there weren't many changes in our protocol."

Employees at the University Mail/Copy Center also experienced a few alterations in standard office procedures. Capps said the only changes involved the use of their certified mail stamp. When a package weighing over one pound was sent through the mail, employees were required to inspect it carefully and mark the package with the stamp.

"People were offering mail clerks around the country over \$1,500 for the stamps," Capps said. "Now, we lock the stamps up every night and we don't keep one behind the front desk."

Although the anthrax scare sent a tremor of fear through the postal system, both Hill and Capps said the effects on office atmosphere were temporary.

"It's a scary situation and we've had discussions but our behaviors didn't change," Capps said. "I just hope it's over."

According to Capps, the anthrax scare really brought the tragedy of Sept. 11 into focus.

"The mail goes to everyone, while the World Trade Center was far away," Capps said. "Anthrax made me realize that it can happen to us."



*All Maryville mail was routed through Kansas City offices. Even mail sent within Maryville went to Kansas City before being delivered.*



*Before the anthrax scare, mail was delivered in 2 to 3 days after being posted. After the anthrax scare, mail slowed to a 4 to 5 day delivery rate.*



*Over 1,000 pieces of campus mail came from off-campus mailers daily.*



*The 34-cent stamp will increase to 37 cents in June.*

Source:  
Cindy Capps, supervisor of  
the Mail/Copy Center

by Mandy Lauck/photos by Michaela Kanger

# Maryville:

## Northside Professional Tattoo & Body Piercing

After two years of business, store manager Greg Bromley said the place still had its relaxing atmosphere. Bromley had over seven years of experience and guaranteed quality work. He proudly displayed the tattoos he had done on the walls of his business, which served 15-20 customers per week. While performing his craft, Bromley said he only used quality jewelry when piercing, and his tattoos were completely sanitary. Northside Professional Tattoo & Body Piercing was located at 115 E. Third St. and was open Tuesday through Saturday from 11 a.m.-9 p.m.



## Herbs 'N Whey

Located at 1202 N. Main St., Herbs 'N Whey offered herbal remedies and education on personal health care. Owner Dave Barcus opened the business July 7, 1997. After curing his family when doctors could not, word of his business spread through the community. One line of products that was offered was "Natural Sunshine," which was the first company to capsule herbs. The rustic shop also carried books on healthy living and herbal treatments. Herbs 'N Whey was open Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Wednesday 10 a.m.-6:30 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m.-2 p.m.





# A closer look at local businesses expressing its Midwest color

## Hole-in-One Entertainment

As the result of a survey taken by Maryville residents, Hole-in-One Entertainment opened its doors July 18, 2001. The business, located at 216 W. Third St., offered miniature golf, pool and an arcade. Owners Curtis and Debbie Lawson offered a dance room that accommodated 140-150 people, as well as a party room used for birthdays. Hole-in-One Entertainment was closed on Monday, but opened Tuesday through Thursday from 4 p.m.-9 p.m., Friday 4 p.m.-11 p.m., Saturday 1 p.m.-11 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m.-7 p.m.



## The Third Street Diner

The 3rd Street Diner occupied a building that dated back to the 1940s. Even though owner Gina Whitwell said she never planned on being a restaurant owner, she somehow found herself managing the diner. She said the atmosphere fluctuated between a rowdy, but amusing crowd Thursday and Friday, to a laid-back environment on Monday. Whitwell said the diner was open Monday through Friday from 6 a.m.-2 p.m. and Thursday through Saturday from 12 a.m.-2:30 a.m. The diner served everything from hamburgers and fries to biscuits and gravy.



## Simmons Village Restaurant Deli

For over 20 years, Del and Bernie Simmons, owners of the deli, have offered a variety of homemade foods. They chose a location at 14-16 Northside Mall, because it was close to the Courthouse Square, a busy location during the day. It was a place where the customers knew each other by name and were greeted with "hellos" at the door. Del Simmons said that even some of the University's faculty came in occasionally to enjoy the food. The deli was open from 5 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 5 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturday.



**Filling any mug for 50 cents.** The Palms tried to bring in business during the early part of the week. Poor college students searched cupboards for the largest mug they could find; one mug brought in held over 205 oz. photo by Shane McAsey

**Early in the evening,** friends gathered at The Outback to smoke, drink and talk. Closer to closing time the bar became louder and more crowded. photo by Melissa Galitz

**Laughter and cups are raised into the air** in celebration of December graduation; The Pub featured the band Eighth Wave in the new stage area. Only allowing those of legal drinking age admittance, The Pub provided a more relaxed atmosphere. photo by Melissa Galitz



by Melissa Galitz and Jill Robinson

# Seven Bars in Six Nights

*A six-day tour of the weekend entertainment in Maryville*

Seven bars provided Maryville with seven flavors of fun. Depending upon the taste buds of those who went to the bar, everyone selected a different location for an evening out in the Ville.

Groups depended upon the atmosphere, people and age of admittance at each location. Nineteen was the magical number at most bars in town; freshmen counted down the days until they could go to such places as Lucky's, Molly's, The Palms, and the World Famous Outback.

The 21 and over crowd generally preferred more laid-back establishments such as The Pub, Burny's Sports Bar and Murphy's. Offering a multitude of drink specials, and atmospheres; seven bars provided six nights of entertainment. And so the week began.

Monday started the cycle of specials and socializing. It was the older crowd that found their way to The Pub for a pitcher of beer or a pint glass of alcohol. A comfortable hum of conversation filled the establishment decorated in an eclectic arrangement of memorabilia.

Inside, a sweet musty mixture of stale cigarettes, cologne and spilled alcohol greeted each arrival. The Pub was a bar for those of legal drinking age who wanted a calmer environment to mingle.

"This is a relaxing bar to get away from a bunch of dumb younger people who shouldn't be served in the first place," Chad Curphy said.

Featuring a new stage area, The Pub hosted local bands almost every weekend, an atmosphere that differed from Murphy's.

Greeted by a sign warning those offended by smoke not to enter, a small group of middle-aged men gathered daily at Murphy's to discuss politics, crops, town rumors and the weather.

"The regulars here are really friendly, the type that would do anything for you," bartender Christina Lolli said. "I don't feel like I am at work, these are my friends more than customers."

Murphy's was more than a bar, daily food specials and Saturday night karaoke gave the place a unique twist. On the other side of town another bar featured a younger crowd in this same similar atmosphere.

Two underage women entered The Palms, enveloped in the green and brown interior. An employee raced to the front, more than excited to brand the drinking status on their hands.

"This is the first bar I've been to where I haven't been served," Melanie Williams said. "I usually drink at home so I don't have to deal with the paranoia."

Wednesday nights, The Palms filled customers' mugs for 50 cents. One college student took advantage of the special by bringing a colossal 29.5 oz. mug holding over 17 beers at one time. Muted television sets glowed above the bar broadcasting the news and a sports channel. Burny's Sports Bar, a few blocks away, also paid close attention to the Wednesday night game.

Upon entering Burny's, the bartender screaming, "Out of bounds," a Jenga tower



For Karaoke Night at Murphy's the equipment cost \$10,000 and had an average of 1000 songs.



The Outback was formed in 1995 from a worn down power plant.



The Palms was originally known as the Buchanan Street Library.

Sources:  
Frett White, owner of Murphy's; Paul Thompson, from The Village and Tower 244.



A slow night provides the few occupying the bar an opportunity to drink over pool, video games and a game of Jenga. Burny's Sports Bar offered a drink special for every night of the week. photo by Shane McAsey



Beer bottles tip in the air, and the crowd begins to thicken at The World Famous Outback. The bar was most popular after football and basketball games and on Saturday nights. photo by Melissa Galitz

While grinding was uncommon at the Pub, the new stage area allowed bands to come in and provide live music for the patrons to enjoy. The Pub provided a way to break the barrier between professors and students. photo by Melissa Galitz





# Seven Bars Seven Nights

topping over and a girl slamming her beer bottle on the table echoed off the walls. Dubbed as pre-party territory, bartender Dustin Petty said there were specials every night of the week.

"I have a lot of people who come here before they go to Lucky's or Molly's," Petty said. "It is a place to drink with buddies."

Drawing closer to the weekend students walked in packs from every end of town to enjoy a hazy night of fun. Ladies night every Thursday at Molly's was notorious for free cover and free drinks; men and minors were required to pay a cover charge. Many minors, however, found ways to drink in the different bars.

"We had a system, we walked straight to the bar and asked for a glass of ice water then went straight to the bathroom to dump it out and fill up with beer," Cara Helland said.

Once stereotyped as a country bar, Molly's now proudly hung thongs and bras above the DJ as he blared anything from hip-hop to AC/DC. After the night at Molly's, those without hangovers traveled to Lucky's Friday night for penny pitchers during happy hour.

Separated into two rooms, half of the bar was dedicated to playing pool, tables filled with pitchers of beer and flirtatious conversation. People wandered into the other side to find a dance floor filled with gyrating people. Groups of guys hung over the railings surrounding the dance floor in the same way many did at the Outback.

The World Famous Outback generated an

entirely different social experience. Students waited impatiently in lines that would spill into the sidewalk and the street. Empty beer bottles clanging in the bottom of large barrels pierced through deafening levels of conversation.

Once inside, people tended to dress and behave in a different manner than in other bars. It was not uncommon for girls in January to wear tiny skirts and halter-tops. DJ Jeremy Hagerman said there were specific groups of people who regularly attended the establishment.

"The Outback is more of your fraternity, sorority and jock bar, Hagerman said. "It also brings in a lot of girls that turn 19."

Early in the evening groups of girls danced in circles awaiting the personal attention of the examining men above. By the end of the night, heat from groping, grinding and sweating people produced a wet dripping film on the walls.

Bar time read 1:30 a.m. and the lights flipped on, shattering the illusion of an electric evening. Footprints in slimy filth trekked toward the door. Whistles persuaded lingering people out into the cold streets.

A day of rest and much needed recuperation began Sunday morning. The extra sleep provided students with the fuel to begin the constant cycle of socializing once again.

*While laughter lifts from the bar, regulars during happy hour discuss topics of the day. Murphy's had barbecue Sundays for basketball fans. photo by Shane McAsey.*



# Lecture Series

## Pearl Duncan

Curiosity about her past led a woman to use DNA research to trace her ancestry.

Pearl Duncan, former literary professor from New York, spoke Feb. 7 about investigating her ancestry. To help her in this mission she worked with the Smithsonian Institute, who identified words her parents spoke in their native tongue when Duncan was a child. Identifying these words, it was discovered her family originated from the Akan tribe of Ghana, West Africa.

DNA tests were done by researchers in the Human Genome Diversity Project. Researchers found individuals related to Duncan's father. Her novel "DNA Adventure: We Are All Related" reported the findings.

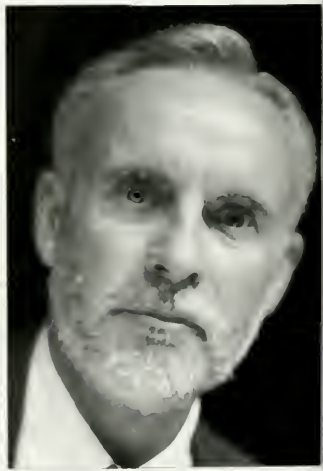
"Students need to realize that all ancestors are strong people," Duncan said. "When students trace their ancestors, they add to their sense of self."

## Lonny Houk

Founder and president of "Feed the Lambs" and volunteer with relief efforts in Sierra Leone, West Africa, Lonny Houk spoke about the conflicts in the area.

Houk exposed students to hardships faced by the citizens of war-torn Sierra Leone. Just one day after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, Houk discussed how the emotions of Americans were similar to those that were experienced by the people of West Africa.

"Terrorist attacks happen all the time in Third World countries such as Sierra Leone," Houk said. "When they happen to countries more established, there is a new sense of awareness. A few people bent or destruction can wreak unbelievable havoc. We always have a lot of work to be done."



# Visitors at Mary Linn Auditorium speak on many areas of interest

## Football Coaches Herman Boone and Bill Yoast

Herman Boone and Bill Yoast, football coaches at T.C. Williams High School during the 1960s, spoke Oct. 4 about the challenges of uniting the racially diverse team.

Desegregating T.C. Williams High School forced many changes on the community of Alexandria, Va. One of the most controversial was the appointment of a new head coach for their football team. Herman Boone, an African-American, was picked over town favorite, Bill Yoast. After the appointment of Boone as head coach, the city of Alexandria was on the verge of riots.

Yoast thought about not coaching anymore, but found that his love for the game was stronger than the racial tension between the coaches. Both Boone and Yoast realized the need for compromise and unity among team members of different races.

"I didn't really think about making any points, I knew that in order for the team to win games, they needed to come together somehow," Boone said.

After both Boone and Yoast set an example for the team, members pulled together and created an inspiration for the town, completing a perfect 13-0 record. In a time of racial tensions, this changed the beliefs of many community members.

In 2000, the coaches' story was made into a movie, "Remember the Titans," which inspired the coaches to lecture to schools across the country.

Two coaches, from opposite backgrounds, came together to unify a football team. Both Boone and Yoast had not only accomplished a winning season, they had overcome stereotypes.

## Carl Bernstein

One of the most influential names in journalism shared his knowledge on a number of topics from governmental corruption to the war in Afghanistan.

Carl Bernstein, Pulitzer Prize winner in journalism, spoke Jan. 28. Bernstein's investigative reporting uncovered the Watergate scandal and resulted in the resignation of President Richard Nixon. His experiences were shared with the audience.

Bernstein spoke about the lack of quality reporting in today's media outlets and journalists' focus on pop culture instead of hard news. He also referred to the increase of today's entertainment news as a triumph of "idiot culture."

"Journalists don't have enough courage to give our readers and viewers real news," Bernstein said.





Moving a box full of carpentry tools, Reid Kirchhoff helps set up for "Annie Get Your Gun." Student helpers were required to wear tags that indicated their specific jobs. photo by Taylor Tholen



Working together, Aaron Brink and Jen Downey take down boxes containing sound equipment. Employment opportunities for "Annie Get Your Gun" were available to all students. photo by Taylor Tholen

At the end of a line of volunteers, Randy Tilk and Titus Mayberry assist in unstacking lighting equipment. Students were paid \$6 an hour for helping set up "Annie Get Your Gun." photo by Taylor Tholen



Students unloaded three semi-trucks of set equipment for the show "Annie Get Your Gun."



Troika Entertainment, who brought some of the Encore shows, had nine professionals to help the students prepare for the show.



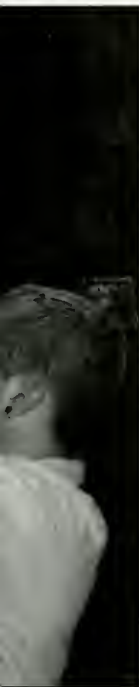
Over 75 people were provided a pasta bar courtesy of the University as a "thank you" to the workers.



Once the trucks were unloaded, students and professional help had to put the entire set of "Annie Get Your Gun" together from scratch.

Source:  
Patrick Immel, Technical  
Director for Mary Linn  
Performing Arts Center.





by Mandy Lauck

## ***Off-Stage Preparation***

*Student assistants help set up Encore performances*

Congested voices molded into one massive source of sound as set directors guided students to their places. "Lights go over here," was heard from a distant corner of the stage. Mass confusion resulted in one goal, setting up the Encore show.

In the early morning hours Feb. 13, 55 students unloaded material and set the stage for the Encore Series show "Annie Get Your Gun." This organized chaos took place in the Mary Linn Auditorium between 7:30 a.m and 6 p.m.

Students heard about the need for help through word of mouth, job listings on the Northwest website and theater appreciation classes. Students set up props, hung lights and checked overall sound from the stage for \$6 an hour. Besides money, students had the opportunity to work with professional stagehands and technical workers.

"I think it's a good opportunity to help with Encore shows," Jessi Lambert said. "Students

get the opportunity to help with a professional show and see exactly how much work it is to perform. Encore shows also give students the advantage of working with better equipment."

Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity also assisted in the set up. Pat Immel, technical director, called the fraternity and asked if they could help set up the show.

"We felt it was a great way to help out the theater department and raise funds for our new house," Phi Sigma Kappa President Logan Lightfoot said. "We had a total of 11 people that helped work and they worked a total of eight hours for both morning and night. Besides, we were so close to Mary Linn, we decided we could help out."

As voices lowered and lights dimmed, students at the University were a part of the major attraction. Helping with an Encore show, students received first-hand experience from professional stagehands in what goes on behind the scenes.

**“Students get the opportunity to help with a professional show and see exactly how much work it is to perform.”**

**-Jessi Lambert**

# Shows

## St. Joseph and Omaha Symphonies

Classical music filled the Mary Linn Auditorium when two symphonies traveled to campus.

Directed by Frank Thomas, the St. Joseph Symphony performed three musical pieces April 6. The St. Joseph Community Chorus and Missouri Western State College's Concert Chorale teamed with the Tower Choir and soprano soloist Tamara Hardesty in the last piece, "Gloria" by Francis Poulenc.

"I loved the 'Gloria' piece because I've done that one myself," Patricia Bowers-Schultz, professor of music, said.

Entertaining the audience Nov. 13, another group of musicians came to campus. The Omaha Symphony, directed by Victor Yampolsky, performed pieces such as Wolfgang's "The Magic Flute" and Johannes Brahms' "Symphony No. 1 in C Minor."

The University was just one stop in their tour of the Midwest.

## National Acrobats of Taiwan

Acts of incredible strength and flexibility dominated the stage while acrobats jumped through rings of fire and knives, performed human pyramids and bent their bodies in ways few could imagine.

The National Acrobats of Taiwan, Republic of China, took over Mary Linn Auditorium Feb. 5 with displays of talent.

"It was great," Clinton Fisher said. "It's nothing like I've ever seen before."

Performing a variety of difficult acts, highlights of the night included one acrobat balancing on seven chairs stacked to the ceiling. Many found the contortionist acts to be intriguing.

"It's freaking awesome," Amy Carr said. "I can't even touch my toes so it amazes me that they can bend like that."

Completing the night with a magic show, members of the audience caught a short glimpse of the dramatic folk arts and variety shows from the East.



# Professional performances grace the stage with music and dance

## Chicago The Musical

Sassy, edgy and filled with a dark humor, the headline musical set the stage for a night of scandal, sex and murder.

Racy as the actresses' fishnet leotards and black stilettos, "Chicago The Musical" brought to life a story of deception and jealousy March 26, in the Mary Linn Auditorium. Songs such as "All that Jazz" helped weave the story of Roxie Hart in her desperate struggle for fame.

Unique compared to previous Encore presentations, many audience members enjoyed the seductive plot. Nathan Holgate thought it was a nice theatrical change.

"I've always loved the show," Holgate said. "The talent level was very enjoyable, and I think it opened up some eyes to the different kinds of theater out there. It was excellent."

Electricity buzzed through the audience filling out of the auditorium; crowds of students were giddy with excitement.



## Ragtime

Chatter filled Mary Linn Auditorium prior to the production. Lights dimmed and the hushed crowd was transported back to the early 1900s, a time when the music was hot and ethnic tensions reached dangerous levels.

"Ragtime," the musical, based from E.L. Doctrow's novel, was performed Oct. 10, portraying the life-styles of three families representing different ethnic groups.

"I think the production emphasized how, despite all the struggle, all the different people were okay in the end." Stephen Haynes said. "I loved how the theme came together."

One glitch in the production caught the attention of most viewers. At the end of the play, a local child actor refused to come out on cue.

In spite of the minor problem, the musical exposed the audience to an award-winning musical and a music sensation of the 1900s.



## Annie Get Your Gun

Pulled into the elements of love, comedy and the Wild West, an Encore presentation of "Annie Get Your Gun," brought the story of two straight shooters looking for fortune.

The musical began with Frank Butler, a traveling show shooter looking for a good match up. Taking the challenge was Annie Oakley, a tomboy with shooting talent equal to Butler's. Life became complicated when Oakley received more attention and both found themselves attracted to each other.

People from surrounding communities were drawn to the show. Danny Lewis from King City, Mo., said he was impressed.

"Because we're in a rural area, we don't have a lot of opportunity for cultural experiences," Lewis said. "I just appreciate the opportunity to be able to come here and see this. It's important for my kids."

The performance offered comedy, song and dance, giving those in attendance a taste of musical theater.



by Betsy Lee

# Worldwide connection

*Wireless communication changes the face of campus*

Silhouettes, illuminated by the moon, hovered outside of residence halls leaning against trees and crouching on steps trying to improve the reception of their call.

A global phenomenon swept across the population and students were a huge part of the craze. The cell phone era had begun.

On campus, the musical ring of cell phones could be heard in the classroom, in the J.W. Jones Student Union and throughout the residence halls.

"I have had a couple of rings in class this year," Instructor of Music Lisa Lawrence said. "I usually make a joke about it, saying something like 'Can I get that for you?'"

While most instructors chose not to make an issue about cell phones ringing in the classroom, some made the decision to discuss their cell phone policy in the syllabus. Professor of psychology Roger Neustadter put a clause about cell phones in his class description due to a past experience.

"I had a student, some time ago, that had a beeper go off often in class," Neustadter said. "I mention something in class now because of the history of class being disturbed."

Cell phones were seen everywhere on campus despite warnings in the classroom.

"When I didn't have a cell phone, I was always annoyed with people walking around talking," Anne Koerten said. "Now that I have

one, I'm not."

Ideas were changing rapidly about the use of the cell phone. Cheaper long distance greatly increased the use of cell phones.

"I have it to call home," Kaylyn Lakebrink said. "I have free long distance, so it's really handy."

One of the most convenient uses for a cell phone was while traveling. Although there were no laws regulating the use of cell phones while driving, according to Lieutenant Ron Christian, Maryville Police Department, it could result in an accident.

Despite the risk associated with driving while using a cell phone, students continued conversing with family and friends while traveling. The urge to stay connected and the be able to talk to others at all times was indicative of the changing world.

Cell phones revolutionized the way people communicated. Talking with friends and family became cheaper, faster and more convenient. Whether it was a late night phone call to a friend across the country or a chat while driving through the streets of Maryville, the need to constantly be in touch was met by the use of cell phones.

**Worldwide communication is limitless** with the help of a cell phone. Taking over the campus, students similar to Amanda Duty rely on cell phones everyday. *photo by Michaela Kanger, photo illustration by Cody Snapp*



The cell phone was invented in 1947. It was used by the military.



Cell phones became ready for commercial use in 1983.



120.1 million cell phones were used in the United States in 2001.



54 percent of drivers have wireless phones in vehicles at all times.



The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration reported cell phones accounted for 20 to 30 percent of all vehicle accidents.

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by Mandy Lauck

# Bow Before the Gods

*Zeus and Hera preside over the activities during the week-long event.*

Greek Week brought the diverse Greek organizations together in a variety of activities and contests. Starting off the week was the naming of Zeus and Hera.

Mary Linn Performing Arts Center was filled with Greeks rooting for their members to win the prestigious titles. As part of Greek Week, the contestants consisted of one member from each sorority and fraternity on campus. Judges rated contestants on talent and a question/answer segments, and a fashion show of togas.

After performing "Zeusendales," Sigma Phi Epsilon's version of Chippendales, Doug Montgomery was crowned Zeus. Sarah Huffer, of Sigma Sigma Sigma, performed "I Will Remember You" renamed "I Will Remember Zeus," to help win the title of Hera.

"My sorority has always nominated me, and finally this year they voted me to represent them," Huffer said. "My talent section was really pretty easy. My old roommate is very creative and helped me write the lyrics to the parody."

**"We didn't participate in the games, but I think it was a lot more fun to watch."**  
- Doug Montgomery

After being crowned, Montgomery and Huffer had to wear togas and crowns everywhere for the week, including to classes and around town.

"By Saturday, I was really sick of wearing the togas, especially with the bad weather we had," Huffer said. "To spice up the wardrobe, I decided to do a theme every day. Tuesday I was cavegirl, Wednesday was hula, Thursday was Mardi Gras, Friday was sporty, and for the games, I wore a shiny gold toga."

The week was filled with games and activities for Greek organizations to participate in. Games ranged from canoe and chariot races to Ultimate Frisbee to chariot races, while activities consisted of events such as Greek Sing and the Olympiad. Zeus and Hera oversaw the events that took place.

"We didn't participate in the games, but I think it was a lot more fun to watch," Montgomery said. "The Bat Race was so funny. As I was laughing, they started chanting for me to do it, but I hushed the crowd real quick."

The opportunity to come together with other students in Greek organizations not only enhanced their camaraderie, but opened their eyes to teamwork and perseverance.

"It is a fun way to bring the Greek community together, where everyone can laugh and get along," Anna Ashbacher of Alpha Sigma Alpha said.



Pi Mu members Kailey Gordon and Jessica Jacobs help decorate the sidewalk with chalk. Greek organizations gathered around the Bell Tower for the event. photo by Christine Ahrens

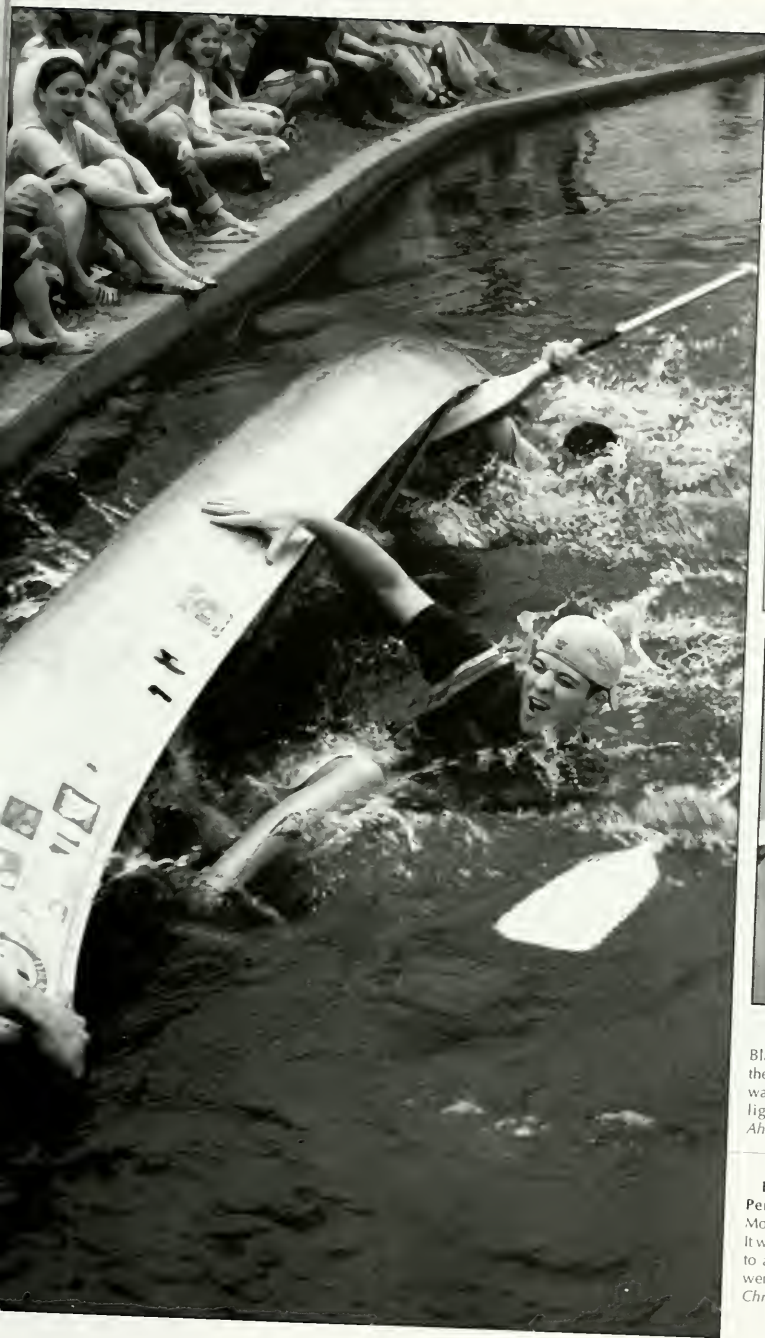


The money raised from Greek Week went to the Maryville Children's Center.



Sigma Phi Epsilon has won the overall competition 10 out of the last 11 years.

Sources:  
Courtney King, Co-Chair  
of Greek Week.  
www.nwmissouri.edu



Sarah Hufier looks at the line up list for the greek sing. Zeus and Hera had to wear their togas the entire week and to all the events. photo by Christine Ahrens



At the Greek canoe race, Rich Blackburn and Bryce Andrew tip their boat in Colden Pond. The race was eventually cancelled due to lightening. photo by Christine Ahrens

Before the greek sing at Mary Linn Performing Arts Center. Doug Montgomery entertains the crowd. It was Zeus and Hera's responsibility to appear at each greek event that went on during the week. photo by Christine Ahrens



Early in the morning, Daria Kim (right) tries to divert her daughter Joffen Hancock's attention from thinking about living in a small town. Instead, the two discuss doing dishes. photo by Michaela Kanger

Pam, played by Pamela Teung, prepares to help Ben, played by Ben Albee, to make a clay pot. It was just one lesson in the production. photo by Christine Arhens



The costumes from "Picnic" cost \$700.



Sixteen rehearsals were all the "Lesson's from the Clay" needed in order to be ready to perform for an audience.



One costume for "Picnic" could take 50-70 hours to make, including research, design, and sewing the costume from scratch.

Source: Dyann Varns, Assistant Professor of Communications and Theater Arts. Amy Kunkelman, Technical Assistant. "Lessons from the Clay"





by Chris Bolinger

# Personal Performances

*Black box productions showcase students' work.*

Just as the warmth of spring began to fill the air, Mary Linn Performing Arts Center lit up with new productions. "Picnic," an award-winning play by William Inge was the first play to grace the stage.

Set in the 1950s, "Picnic" told the story of a small Kansas town turned upside down by a brash, young drifter. According to director Dan DeMott, the play portrayed feelings of the '50s and relationships between the generations of the time.

DeMott said the cast was fantastic and professional, and their hard work gave them the opportunity to take the show on the road. After performing in MLPAC March 1-4, they traveled to Missouri Western State College where they were greeted by a packed house.

"Lessons from the Clay" was another production created by the Department of

Communication and Theater Arts, a lab series written by Lisa Smeltzer.

"Lessons from the Clay" told the story of Jeremiah, a biblical prophet, and his visit to the potter's house. His visit revealed certain lessons that helped Jeremiah grow spiritually. The play was performed March 8 in the studio theater of MLPAC.

"This was a challenging experience," Amy Kunkelman, assistant director of "Lessons from the Clay," said. "As a sophomore, this was my first leadership position. Overall, it went pretty well for being a studio production."

Although different in content, the two performances gave students an opportunity to get involved in theater. An alternative to the main stage productions, students and members of the community were able to enjoy the talents of those who worked hard to create these shows.



As the staff at the "Potters House" get ready for the day, Lisa Smeltzer sings a religious hymn. The play focused on her character's strong religious beliefs and lessons that people could learn from the clay. photo by Michaela Kanger

Lisa Smeltzer performs the beginning biblical songs that entice the audience. "Lessons from the Clay" performed only one time on campus, but toured local churches. photo by Michaela Kanger

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**—Amy Kunkelman**

by Lindsay Crump

# Students' Exploration of an Acting Experience

Barely seen by the audience, the blue in each of their shirts glowed through the darkness. After the illuminated forms found their places on stage, the 30-minute performance began.

"Aging Disgracefully," written by Rachel Veirek, was performed Sept. 27-30 at the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center. Chosen for the annual Freshmen/Transfer Showcase, the show adapted the story of Morrie and Mitch from the bestselling novel, "Tuesdays with Morrie." The play was also influenced by other pieces of literature and original work by Veirek.

Portraying the characters of Morrie and Mitch, two actors took center stage. The

remainder of the cast acted as a chorus, telling the audience another perspective through poems and short stories. Difficulties within the cast led to Assistant Director Marty Wolff filling in for the leading role of Mitch.

"I felt it was a smooth transition because all the time I was keeping up on the part, because we were having problems," Wolff said. "I've never done this before. It was a learning experience."

While the show was put together in three weeks, the experience gave new theater students a chance to familiarize themselves with a the department at a new school.

"The Freshmen/Transfer show is learning

what we don't want to do," Wolff said. "We all search for the right work. In high school theater is fun, but when you get to college, people are on you more to learn your lines. The show benefits the theater department because it filters out those who aren't ready to be serious about it."

Fading into black, the actors disappeared from the stage. It was an acting experience at a new level, a hands-on lesson in theater.

**Speaking from among the chorus,** Jonathon Reynolds tells a story of the effects of aging. *Aging Disgracefully* introduced 16 freshmen and transfer students to the Communication and Theater Arts department. *photo by Michaela Kanger*



Candice Allen and Jonathon Reynolds perform with young actors in Euripides' "Medea." The production was directed by guest director Steve Grossman. *photo by Michaela Kanger*

During an abridged version of "Romeo and Juliet," Mark Maasen plunges a dagger into himself after finding Romeo, played by Lance Christofferson, dead. "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare-Abridged!" was a comedy spanning many of Shakespeare's classic plays. *photo by Michaela Kanger*



There was 1,000 feet of metal purchased for the set of "Medea."



Around \$3,000 was spent on the lumber for the set of "Medea."



There was one transfer student acting in the Freshmen/Transfer Showcase.



Approximately \$1,200 was used to purchase the material to make the 17 original costumes used during the production of "Medea."

Source: Jay Rozema, assistant professor for Communications and Theater Arts; Dyan Varns, assistant professor for Communications and Theater Arts.



by Mandy Lauck and Jennifer Look

## Personal Performances

*Black box productions showcase students' work*

Humor prevailed in a condensed version of Shakespeare's plays when three men recreated scenes a packed auditorium had never seen before.

A compilation of comedy and fun, "The Complete Works of William Shakespeare-Abridged!" was brought to the stage Oct. 10-12 in Charles Johnson Theater. Directed by Jason Daunter, the student production featured Lance Christofferson, Reid Kirchhoff and Mark Maasen portraying the numerous Shakespearean characters.

Beginning with "Romeo and Juliet" and continuing through tragedies such as "Julius Caesar," the audience found themselves in fits of laughter. Even the tragic "Othello," was delivered in the style of a Beastie Boys rap, allowing Kirchhoff to point out that the actors were "all honkeys" and unable to play the character of Othello.

"The audience's reaction to the interpretation of 'Othello' was great," Christofferson said. "They thought it was hilarious and they knew we had no sense of rhythm."

A complicated and difficult interpretation of "Hamlet" was presented at the end. Using a great deal of audience participation, Hamlet was shown several times with many variations.

"(The play) was way more successful than anyone ever imagined," Christofferson said. "It was probably the most enjoyable play I've been a part of."

Student productions turned from lighthearted comedy to intense drama with the production of "Medea." Directed by special guest Steve Grossman, the Greek tragedy was performed Nov. 8-11 in Mary Linn Performing Arts Center.

Medea's emotional struggle was the focus of the play. She faced knowing her husband planned to marry another woman.

Choreography by Haley Hoss Jameson helped bring out the emotion and drama of the play. Jameson said the play was one of the hardest to produce because of the setting.

"I researched ancient Greece, Greek dance and ancient Greek theater," Jameson said. "I then used the idea and pictures that came to me to design movements that were true to the time period."

Candice Allen, who played Medea, agreed the play was challenging. She spent a minimum of 25 hours rehearsing for the production.

"It was extremely intriguing," Allen said. "The more I found out about the character, the more I felt like I knew her."

The two student productions showed the highs and lows of human emotions, allowing the actors to showcase their talents. Using these abilities, students portrayed characters ranging from a heartbroken Medea to a rapping Othello.

“ It was extremely intriguing; the more I found out about my character, the more I felt like I knew her. ”

-Candice Allen

by Mandy Lauck

# Spectrum of Emotions

*Theatrical talents reveal acting versatility in plots*

Displaying acting versatility, two spring productions delve deep into the varying emotions of the human experience.

Shown 10 days apart, "Love Letters" and "Diary of Anne Frank" spanned the emotional spectrum between love and fear.

"Love Letters" appeared in the Black Box Studio Theater of the Performing Arts Center Jan. 31. The production depicted the strength and depth of a love between two friends. Although small in numbers, director Melissa Ough felt the cast added to the success of the production.

"I think the production turned out really well despite the number of cast members and amount of rehearsal time," Ough said. "We only had two and a half weeks of rehearsal and only four cast members."

One week later, the drama "Diary of Anne Frank" unfolded on the stage of Charles Johnson Theater Feb. 7-9 and was directed by Jason Daunter. The second spring production delivered the famous story of a young Anne Frank. Frank's diary entries recorded the time her family spent hiding from the Nazis. Daunter said he was familiar with the story line and had a special interest in the script.

"I've always loved the story of Anne Frank and as my third student production, I felt

an emotional connection with the script," Daunter said.

With 30 students auditioning over two nights, this show was a more elaborate production for Daunter.

"This production was very different from all the others I've done," Daunter said. "I think I have grown more and have learned a lot about staging and working with the actors more."

Two productions explored the plots of vastly different performances in the short span of two weeks. With dedication and emotional performances, their efforts created theatrical entertainment for all in attendance.



**Greedy and selfish Mr. Vandom**, played by Reid Kirchhoff, tries to relax in "Diary of Anne Frank." The Frank and Vandom families hid in an attic to escape Nazi persecution. *photo by Nate Marquiss*

**“ I think I have grown more and have learned a lot about staging and working with the actors. ”**

**-Jason Daunter**





During adolescence, Andrew Ladd, played by Lance Christoferson, listened while Melissa Gardner, played by Aubrey Huck, teased him. Correspondence between friends over the course of many decades was the plot of "Love Letters." photo by Amanda Byler

In the small attic, Mr. Frank, played by Chris Battiato comforts Anne, played by Jen Downey. "Diary of Anne Frank" was directed by Jason Daunter. photo by Nate Marquiss



Although "Love Letters" took two decades through four decades of life, the actors never changed clothing.



During the production of "Love Letters," the characters remained in the same location for the entire production.



"Diary of Anne Frank" was the second show of the year to be directed by Jason Daunter.



"Diary of Anne Frank" was the first show to have the audience sit on stage, surrounding the set during the performance.

Source:  
Theater Department

by Jill Robinson

# Campus Alterations

The metamorphosis on campus began with additional parking spaces, new roads and buildings altering the landscape.

Numerous projects affected areas ranging from academics to athletics. Improvements in classrooms and educational facilities were among the many changes.

Renovations to Garrett-Strong Science Building reached the final stages of the \$15 million project. While faculty moved into the west wing, preparations were made for classes to be held in the new area for the summer. In addition to the Garrett-Strong project, a new botany greenhouse would be completed north of the building.

The construction tape did not end within academic walls; the athletic department was also upgrading their facilities. Rickenbrode Stadium continued its new "face-lift" with a \$5 million fund-raising campaign effort.

First-class facilities planned included new locker rooms, improved west-side seating, private suites and a larger scoreboard. Finding money for these new features, however, was not an easy task.

Budget cuts and an economic down turn created a challenge in the fund-raising campaign. However, Lance Burchett, vice president of University Advancement, was optimistic about the efforts.

"Our foundation stadium fund-raising committee has been able to secure an excess

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of \$3.5 million in commitments toward the \$5 million project," Burchett said. "We're now at a point to take this from being a quiet phase of the campaign to the public phase."

To get the word out, a community-wide celebration was held Dec. 9 in Bearcat Arena. This celebration included football highlight films on big-screen TVs, door prizes and Northwest cheerleaders and pep bands, motivating the community to donate to the cause. Football athlete Justin Bowser said this fund-raiser was important, not only to the campus and community, but to potential recruits as well.

"I think the new additions to the stadium will add more atmosphere for the team and help to bring future recruits, as far as a big, nice stadium to play in," Bowser said. "We're excited."

Outside of these facilities, additions were cutting through the campus. A new parking east of Dietrich Hall added spaces for residents. As a result, two new roads were constructed through campus. One connected the new parking lot with 16th Street; another ran north of campus to College Drive.

The landscape continued to change and the construction tape and cement trucks were a constant reminder of the growing improvements and continual campus involvement.

As the KickOff Party begins, Bearcat Sweethearts hand out programs to the crowd. Bearcat Arena was filled with spirited participants in the fund-raising event. photo by Shane McAsey



Northwest has used alternative fuels to heat campus buildings, saving an average of \$375,000 yearly.



A new warehouse facility northwest of campus would save \$222,000 spent in storage rental.

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**The new campus parking lot** and northern road stand on the south side of the high rises. The new parking lot was built to further compensate the high number of upperclassmen drivers. *photo by Amanda Byler*

**In the north campus area** lies an unfinished road. The road started at Dietrich Hall and lead to the Village "O" Apartments. *photo by Shane McAsey*



by Jill Robinson

# Reality strikes in educational finale

An emotional collision of bliss and panic tormented students in black gowns. At last, there would be freedom, but the uncertainty of the future weighed heavily on the minds of many.

Gathered in the Student Rec Center Dec. 14, graduating students awaited their diplomas. The accomplishment was hard to grasp. Ronda Driskill was graduating after three and a half years with a bachelor of science degree in Animal Science; recently married and ready to move on, the final day still offered some shock.

"It hasn't sunk in yet," Driskill said.

Reality created a wave of nostalgia. Memories trickled through conversations summarizing the college experience.

"I guess I have to grow up," Chad Ackerman, marketing management major, said. "Now I'm going on to get my teaching certificate. I've been in college so long I think I could teach it."

Security in a future plan was assuring, but the stress of the job hunt plagued others.

"I'm scared because I don't know what I'm doing yet," Jared Mantell, marketing management major, said. "My only real regret is that I wish I would've been more involved in organizations. It's still been a lot of fun, but it hasn't hit me."

Despite the apprehension, it was an accomplishment. Catherine Palmer,

employee in B.D. Owens Library, was proud to complete her master of arts.

"It's a real serious goal that I've had," Palmer said. "I'm going through the ceremony to show my son."

Family and friends were vocal in their congratulations that echoed off of a packed Bearcat Arena. It was a moment University President Dean Hubbard said students should be proud of.

"You have moved into some elite ranks tonight," Hubbard said. "The opportunities before you are tremendous."

And even though minds were racing with future plans, the evening closed offering the graduating class of 2001 the world before them.

**"I'm scared because I don't know what I'm doing yet."**  
-Jared Mantell



Northwest graduates are addressed by Governor Bob Holden at the spring commencement ceremony. Northwest held two graduation ceremonies, one following both spring and fall trimesters. photo by Michaela Kanger

As University President Dean Hubbard's image is projected onto a giant screen, Hubbard greets graduates, and their family and friends. Pictures of campus were flashed across the screen later in the ceremony to Green Day's song "Time of Your Life." photo by Cody Snapp



Christina Pasqua was the first student to earn her degree entirely through on-line courses.



The oldest December graduate was 60 years old and the youngest was 20.

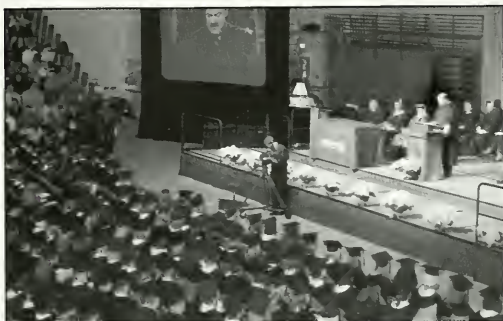
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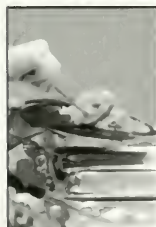
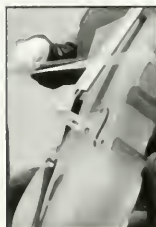




One of the 402 graduates receives her diploma from University President Dean Hubbard. Two-hundred thirty were female and 172 were male. *photo by Cody Snapp*

Family and friends celebrate the accomplishments of Northwest's graduates. John Moore of the Federal Reserve Bank in San Francisco spoke to those in attendance. *photo by Cody Snapp*





## Join

Sporadically scheduled throughout the week were meetings, fund-raisers, community projects and other obligations to organizations. Catering to the diverse beliefs and interests of students on campus, they were our friends and support systems.

Constantly evolving into a fixed part of our lives, organizations created an outlet for learning and growing outside of the classroom. Speakers and field trips helped open doors for personal growth, while the comfort level accompanying the familiar faces sometimes morphed into a sense of family.

It was the eclectic makeup of each organization, the strong beliefs of the American Civil Liberties Union, the competitive bond of Fellowship of the Tower gaming nights or the cultural pride of the Indian Student Association, that opened up our minds to new ideas. Students found their niche in these masses of people who shared similar interests. Each organization had a personality all its own.

One trait that prevailed was focus. Hard work helped achieve the many goals students had for their group. Fund-raisers and silent walks all made an impact on the community.

These were our connections and memories. This sense of play was another facet in the quest for knowledge and exposure to new ideas throughout the college experience.

Bottom line was that these organizations offered something a classroom setting and general social environment could not. The combination of learning and playing made this involvement critical to our growth as students.

In 1984, the Delta Chi house was approved on the National Register of Historic Places.

Too Late Paintball was a member of the National Collegiate Paintball Association.

The Theta Chapter of Sigma Tau Gamma was the oldest fraternity on campus, founded in April of 1927.



Lining up to perform during the halftime show, the Bearcat Marching Band's saxophone players prepare to entertain the crowd. The band was hailed as the "Musical Pride of Northwest." photo by Amanda Oyley

There were 14 multicultural organizations at Northwest.

Northwest was home to 12 different student performance groups.

In the agricultural department there were 12 organizations.

Source of facts:  
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A quick look at organizations on campus



After the hunters arrive, Joel Shale tags them before they leave again. The KNAW-LT Wildlife Club volunteers and staff at the deer check station. Sometimes, they find a sick or injured deer, and they help it.

by Amanda Lyke



by Jill Robinson

# Wildlife awareness in variety of activities

**T**hunk...thunk...plink. Volunteers from the 102 Wildlife Club competed by throwing rocks in a cup to pass the time between the hunters' arrival.

Every year the organization volunteered to tag deer for hunters in the area. On Nov. 17, behind Watkins Hardware Appliance and Rental, the group waited for hunters to bring in their prizes of the day.

Highly involved in outdoor activities and environmental issues, the 102 Wildlife Club was active throughout the year. Forty-three members paid \$4 a trimester to join. Warren Crouse said the club was made up of a good group of people.

"Everybody there is down to earth and enjoys hanging out and having a good time," Crouse said.

Activities that reiterated their interest in wildlife included a trip to the Henry Doorly Zoo and a canoeing and camping trip in southern Missouri. It was not all play; the club did highway clean up, deer check stations and volunteered at the Science Olympiad held on campus for middle school students. Anyone could be a part of this active group. Crouse said all that was necessary was a love for nature and commitment to preserve its resources.

"We all have respect for the outdoors," Crouse said. "But you don't need to be a nature freak."

This positive outlook and enthusiasm for playing an active role in the community made this organization effective. From deer check stations to canoe trips, it was a team effort that sought to improve the environment around them.

## Agriculture Club

**Front row:** Kellie Blume, Shawn Malter, Ben Bell, Carrie Sullivan, Shannon Jesse and Anthony Nisley. **Row 2:** Jared Kendrick, Jennifer Carpenter, Kim Dimmitt, Beth Lilly, Jennifer Copper, Tarryn Dicke and John Ohlberg. **Back row:** Rich Thomas, Matt Gruber, Robert Conley, Joel DeBruin, David Gomel, Jason Foland, Tom Campbell, Joey Rosenfelder, Justin Ingels and Tim Leader.





## 102 River Wildlife Club

**Front row:** Melissa Colwell, Keri Frankl, April Illisple, Shawn Hess, Megan Dovel, Niki Order, Josh Heintz, Warren Crouse, Kevin Blain and Andrea Estes. **Back row:** Alane Ranken, Nicole Koeltzow, Nikki Noble, Trevor Ennum, Paul Wagner, Caleb Jefferies, Ben Heavilin, Kenny Elder and David Easterla.



## Accounting Society

**Front row:** Laura Kozel, Nicole Miller, Jennifer Halverson, Sarah Carver, Alyssa Welu and Nicole Martens. **Back row:** Amanda Sigwing, Tim Bauer, Nick Waldo, Amy Meyer, Jennifer Zwiegel, Sabrina Marquess, Stephanie Meints, Blythe Reynolds and Todd Kenney.

## African Friends Association

**Front Row:** Gelina Fontaine, Patricia Mugabe and Ruth Malasa. **Back Row:** Maturure Vimbai, Unaba Nasairo, Mceb Malasa and Kin Okunrinboye.



## Agricultural Ambassadors

**Front row:** Ronda Driskill, Beth Lilly, Chrissy Cumaline, Jamie Haidsiak and Lori Fordyce. **Back row:** Josh Kemper, Joel Miller, Tyler Williams, Tom Head and Corey Neill.



In the back lot of Watkins Hardware Appliance and Rental, Jonathan Dees attempts to visually measure the size of a hunter's kill. "The 102 River Wildlife Club helped me to gain knowledge about animals in this area," Jessica McGeehan, member of the club, said. photo by Amanda Byler



## Alliance of Black Collegians

**Front Row:** Chekia Azres, Kendra Moore, Sheena Lloyd, Torri Harris, Veronica Jones, Miya Wilson, Kamille Jefferson, Burnea Cothrine and Kasaundra Breedlove. **Row 2:** Kenneth McCain, Erik Falls, Jason Hughes, Felicia Smart, Ramyia Silvers, Danielle Cheatam, Colette Norton, Maurice Scott, Brandon Runions, James Worley and Tyrone Bates. **Back Row:** Fahteema Collins, Terryn Lindsey and Shawnta Clark.



## ◀ Agronomy Club

**Front Row:** Tom Zweifel, Tom Head, Brian Bethmann, John Ohlberg, Aaron Mason, Tom Campbell and Tyler Mason. **Row 2:** Daryl Wilmes, Dean Osborn, Chris Sparks, Rick Aspergren, Dean Smith, Jay Crom and Scott Eischeid. **Back Row:** Jason Vandivort, Jennifer Alden, Laura Nichols, Jennifer Ellis and Kyle McCoy.

Alliance of Black Collegian's Praise Team assists Paula McNeil as she sings "Shackles." Souls on Fire enlightened audiences at the Charles Johnson Theater through prayer, poetry and music. *photo by Amanda Byler*



by Jill Robinson

# Messages of praise form through music and dance

**D**ancing through the audience in the form of melodies and piano chords was a heartfelt message. The Alliance of Black Collegians' Gospel Choir wanted to spread their good news to the group in attendance Nov. 12.

For a month, the Alliance of Black Collegians' Gospel Choir prepared for the second annual Souls on Fire performance in the Charles Johnson Theater. Fifteen women from the organization contributed their vocal and dance talents to the message through praise, song and scripture.

"We basically were uplifting the name of God and Jesus, and getting it out there that we are on fire for him," gospel choir chairwoman Kasaundra Breedlove said.

The choir sprang from ABC. Initially a Bible study that incorporated song into the lessons, the group evolved into the current gospel choir.

There were no auditions to be in the choir and Breedlove said that it was a place where students could meet and celebrate the Lord's name. It was a year-round effort with practices every Wednesday at the Wesley Center.

"We are not just a group of people coming together to sing and play around," Breedlove said. "We worship and have a wonderful time. It's very spiritual."



## Alliance of Black Collegians executive board

**Front Row:** Sheena Lloyd, Kamille Jefferson, Veronica Jones, Torri Harris and Burnea Cothrine. **Back Row:** Kendre Moore, Chekia Azres, Kasaundra Breedlove and Miya Wilson.



The song "I will Carry You" plays as the Wesley Center's Celebration Team members Kimberly Reese and Holly Stevens perform in the Souls on Fire concert. Throughout the performance, pictures of the Sept. 11 tragedy flashed across a projection screen. *photo by Amanda Byler*

## Ag Council ▶

**Front Row:** Amend Sealine, Carrie Sullivan, Megan Snell and Jason Foland. **Back Row:** Wayne Long, Lowell Busch, Joel Debruin, Kristen Mitchell, Tom Head and Rich Thomas.





Before the performance begins, Amanda Mallot and Lindsay Stormon introduce themselves to their young audience. In the production "Tale of Tails," animals competed in the play's annual tail contest; the opossum won the crown with an act of kindness. *photo by Amanda Byler*



### Alpha Gamma Rho new members

**Front Row:** Shannon Jesse, Mark Mather, Tyler Rolofson and Colby Schwieter. **Back Row:** Jason Vandivort, Jason Smoot, Rick Aspegren, Travis Gerlach, Brandon Schlake and Clark Heman.



### Alpha Gamma Rho active

**Front Row:** Josh Kempers, Rich Blackburn, Dean Smith, Brett Wellhausen, Tyler Williams, Brandon Schaaf, Kendall Vorthmann and Chrisholm Nully. **Row 2:** Jason Richards, Darin Orme, Rich Thomas, Chris Reynolds, Anthony Nisley, Tyler Kapp, Jason Folond, Mike Musselman, Shawn Malter, Ricky Roselins and Brian Orme. **Row 3:** Joel Debruin, Nathan Rusinack, James Hardee, Amend Sealine, Daniel Kelley, Lowell Busch, Kyle McCoy and Kyle Pierce. **Back Row:** Casey Flinn, Scott Winkler, Mark Hungate, Tom Campbell, Lance Williams, Jason Gregory, Lucas Carlson, Christian Kincheloe, Nate Schroeder, Justin Moenkhooff and Justin Pollard.



## Alpha Psi Omega

**Front Row:** Rachel Vierck, Melissa Ough, Patrick Immel and Jen Downey. **Back Row:** Jason Daunter, Brandon Thrasher and Marty Wolff.

by Lindsay Crump

# A performance of talent and lessons

ears, squirrels and rabbits wandered through the aisles interacting with the children and adults sitting in the audience. As the lights faded on the people and rose on the forest, animals retracted back to their habitats, exiting the stage.

Alpha Psi Omega, an honorary theater fraternity, held its annual children's show on Dec. 9. This year the production was "A Tale of Tails" by Stacy Craig, and all proceeds from donations were given to charity.

"It's been a fun, educational experience, helping children appreciate the dramatic arts," Melissa Owen said.

Rachel Vierck, vice president of Alpha Psi Omega, directed the show, which used animal characters to stress the morals of inner rather than outer beauty. The two characters in the play, a rabbit and opossum, competed to see who had the best tail. The opossum was eventually victorious because of the realization that inner beauty was just as important as outer beauty.

Theater majors who had successfully completed the required amount of acting and behind the scenes technical work could be involved in Alpha Psi Omega. New members were nominated, and an initiation period followed lasting one week and ending with a ritual.

With the annual show concluded, Alpha Psi Omega handed over the profits to the Children's Center of Maryville. Dedicating hours of hard work, members were able to give back to the community through service and entertainment.

## Alpha Mu Gamma

**Front Row:** Terry Pfaffly, Jamie Garrison, Megan Stetson, Katie Spiguzza, Quin Fuller, Michaela Hand, Jennie Hayes and Louise Horner. **Back Row:** Jamie Buchmeier, Mary Bossung, Brock Bastow, Emily Dix, Lisa Doudria, Ashlee James, Scott Shannahan, Holly Grabbert and Channing Horner.



## Alpha Omega Society

**Front Row:** Jared Watson, Charity Richardson, Kristin Horstmann and Logan Lightfoot. **Back Row:** Jodi Victor, Cecilee Diamond, Andrew Roth, Julie Victor and Karla Pinzino.



## Alpha Sigma Alpha active

**Front Row:** Traci Theirolf, Shannon Knierim and Brooke Hansen. **Row 2:** Jill Citta, Jenni Nourse, Stephanie Mackey, Melanie Siedschlag, Dawn Lamansky, Nicole Bowers, Mary Lenzen, Timmy Franson, Sara Bryant, Krystin Stubblefield and Nicole Rice. **Row 3:** Enza Sorano, Kim Simon, Megan Whitten, Jamie Knierim, Michelle Forsen, Jess Bond, Kristie Hurt, Martha Seim, Ashley Ahlin, Jennifer Louk, Rachel Espey and Kathy Hundley. **Back Row:** Jessi Mell, Anna Ashbacher, Amy Espeer, McCarten Delaney, Jill Mally, Bayle Reynolds, Jane Marie Clark, Elizabeth Ferguson, Kyle Sewell, Laura Chamberlain, Sarah Caldwell, Kristy Arkfeld, Julie Coney, Nicole Foy and Erin Knotts.



## American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences

**Front Row:** Emily Dettmer, Katie Peterson, Heather Young, Amber Gross, Heather Dennis and Amy Craine. **Row 2:** Angie Mutz, Stephanie Anello, Katie Johnson, Peggy Bruck, Nicole Meinke, Julie Suda, Emily Craven and Jeha Hansen. **Back Row:** Patrice Casey, Laura Hoff, Kathryn Hamilton, Erica Myers, Lori Meyer, Debra Henggeler and Melissa Engle.



Throughout the afternoon, Peggy Miller talks with students who helped organize her surprise retirement party. Miller received gifts of appreciation from both past and present students. photo by Amanda Byler

by Betsy Lee

## Double dose of winter celebrations

Christmas lights reflected off of the balloons hovering around the room, announcing the combination of two important occasions.

Students involved in the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences organization gathered Dec. 6 to welcome the holidays and celebrate the career of a colleague. Associate Professor Peggy Miller ended her career after the fall trimester with a retirement party complete with presents, balloons and food.

While commemorating Miller's career, the organization also celebrated the end of a successful trimester filled with preparations for their February conference in Chicago.

"Our big activity is a regional career conference we attend every year," Ann Rowlette, club sponsor said. "It gives students the opportunity to learn about possible careers within their field."

Consisting of speakers, tours and learning seminars, the conference gave students an opportunity to network and socialize.

AAFCS was an organization oriented toward students with majors in the field. With approximately 35 members, the group brought students together twice a month to socialize and learn. Participation in the organization cost \$10 in local dues and \$42 in national dues.

"The biggest asset of the organization for students is the opportunity to socialize with other students," Rowlette said. "They make connections within the field that are useful after they graduate."

The AAFCS gathered to celebrate the career of a faculty member and a field of study students were enthusiastic about. Through parties, conferences and monthly meetings, members formed relationships with students sharing similar interests.



## Alpha Tau Alpha

**Front Row:** Kristen Mitchell, Mike Dieckman, Kristen Rhodes, Jaime Haidisiak, Joel Miller, Kendra Masoner, Benjamin Bell and Marvin Hoskey. **Row 2:** Tim Prunty, Rob Pangburn, James Penn, Shaun Murphy, Jennifer Spreckelmeyer, Jason Richards, Katie Jacobs, Cara Wiese, Daniel Bowles, Josh Kempers, Jason Vandivort and Rich Thomas. **Back Row:** Jeremy Lacy, Michelle Lund, Kineta Keith, Penny DeVault, Chrissy Cuminale, Amy Sullivan, Alicia Robinson, Nathanael Schmitz, Jessica Basinger and Jim Hardee.



## Alpha Sigma Alpha new members

**Front Row:** Erica Sheeres, Kelsie Sis, Lindsey Miller, Christie Taylor, Shelby Bartels, Erin Gray, Stacy Vidditto, Jessie Dewaele, Christi Thori, Kelly Peterson and Jamie McLaughlin. **Row 2:** Deanna Walter, Jeralae Adams, Rachel Osborn, Jen Anderson, Beth Pearson, Marsha Smith, Lindsey Knight, Ashley Franson, Danielle Pinon, Amanda Rolofson and Michelle Ferrara. **Back Row:** Amy Zuk, Joy Hayes, Sara Booker, Sarah Baumgartner, Karla Pinzino, Lindsey Hunken, Alyson McGinnis, Gina Tominia, Rebecca Crane, Lindsay Wittstruck, Kristen Deckard, Amy Vetter and Lara Yungclas.



At the annual Christmas party, Jenell Ciak, Lauren Leach and members of the American Association of Family and Consumer Sciences celebrate a successful trimester and the retirement of Associate Professor Peggy Miller. All students, alumni and staff from the department were invited to attend. photo by Amanda Byler

## Association for Computing Machinery

**Front Row:** Phil Heeler, Rachelle Wright, Stephanie Anderson, Philip Maher, Ben Coffman and Dean Sanders.

**Row 2:** Brett Graves, Gary Bolin, Kyle Koenig, Brian Dorn, Jason Mannino and Ainsley Mannino.

**Back Row:** Derek Eye, Nick Wiederholt, Corey Swope and Travis Muellner.



## American Marketing Association

**Front Row:** Julie Brophy, Ryan LeCluyse and Jessica Miesner.

**Row 2:** Lori Ficken, Ross Robertson, Sue Scholten, Ty Brookover and Kaan Ozdemir.

**Back Row:** Ryan Urban, Sara Wolff, Paul Miser, Doug Russell, Lisa Sychra and Deb Collier.

## Bearcat Sweethearts

**Front Row:** Dawn Trent, Megan Henning, Angela Davis, Kendra Masoner, Kara Rollins and Sara Dielema.

**Row 2:** Mavie Daugherty, Jamie Ross, Jill Awtry, Lindsay Washam, Megan Coleman, Steph Smith, Natalie Schwartz and Heather Wrisinger.

**Back Row:** Lisa Nichols, Jamasa Kramer, Mindy Thorne, Jennifer Harrison and Holly Ellis.



## Beta Beta Beta Biological Society

**Front Row:** Lisa Carrico and Alison Monnin.

**Back Row:** Andrea Johnson, Christy Crownover and Tamara Wallace.



## Baptist Student Union

**Front Row:** Heidi Hester, Amy Abplanalp, Eric Oldfield and Robyn McCollum. **Row 2:** Garrett Kingston, Amanda Berg, Dawn Sutton, Natalie Alden, Amy Dudley, Jenny Schell, Julie Martin, Ryan Morton and Jason Yarnell. **Back Row:** Sam Thrower, Maggie Dittmar, Charity Tubbs, Maria Swope, Verlene Downing, Andrea Schnetzler, Jen Boyer, Megan Dovel, Misty Gibeson, Chris Ayers and Trevor Bennon.



by Jill Robinson

# Chocolate treats entice marketing association

Every kind of chocolate imaginable was piled before them. Products lined the counters teasing members of the American Marketing Association.

Chris Arnold, Kansas City's district manager of Hershey's, offered advice and stories about the business Nov. 15. He was one of the many speakers that gave members of AMA an insight into the world they would be entering. President Ty Bookover said the organization appealed to approximately 55 members in marketing, business and advertising majors.

"It's an important organization because we offer [students] an opportunity to meet people within the industry and find out what skills they look for to make us better and more marketable," Bookover said.

In addition to learning about the marketing field, members applied this knowledge to community service efforts and activities.

AMA visited nursing homes for their volunteer work and participated in a fund-raising campaign selling T-shirts in response to the Sept. 11 attacks. These activities gave members hands-on experience dealing with people in their community.

The group activities ranged from speakers to pizza and movie nights. There were no major requirements to be a part of the group, only a \$10 chapter fee and an additional \$35 to be a national member.

Outlets to the business world made this organization beneficial. Students not only received advice, they made contacts with potential employers.

"I like having an opportunity to meet real-life people in the industry," Bookover said. "It gets me out of the academic world and into the business world."

Focused on the working world that loomed before them, this organization took advantage of speakers and activities that would benefit the members. AMA's events not only gave away products like chocolate, they offered advice to students for their field of interest.

After answering guest speaker Chris Arnold's question correctly, Tina Kehr collects her prize of sweets. Members of the American Marketing Association were asked about Hershey's business strategies after Arnold's presentation; correct answers allowed students to choose a Hershey product. photo by Shane McAsey



As they enjoy the chips and salsa Alyssa Welu and Tatum Greiner talk about the upcoming Christmas break. The Accounting Society party was held Dec. 6 in Roberta Hall. photo by Christina Campobasso



### C.A.R.E.

**Front Row:** Stacey Mason, Desirae Boye, Anita Wilson, Sara Boulter, Valerie Lemke, Heather Berry, Maegan Irwin and Cara Wiese. **Back Row:** Ben Ramos, Joe Stock, Patrick Brommer, Nathan Woodland, Nick Waldo, Adam Hunt, Shawn Ades and Lon Nuss.



### Cardinal Key

**Front Row:** Allison Clevenger, Keri Stangl, Ashlee James and Tiffany Barmann. **Row 2:** Bridget Divis, Alan Dalsen, Nathanael Schmitz, Michelle Wiesner, Jessica Clausen, Rebecca Dunn and Corinne Moszczynski. **Back Row:** Nick Wernimont, Nikki Mullins, Lori Fordyce, Crystal Beckham, Jamie Borsh, Todd Kenney and Ashlee Erwin.



### Campus Crusade for Christ

**Front Row:** Apesue Hunt, Danny Burns, Jesse Fisher and Robert Gorman. **Row 2:** Sean Berger, Monica Marcolino, Sara Lipira, Jill Anderson, Megan Stetson, Amber Seymour, Tiffany Barr, Amy Craine, Julie Kitzing and Jeremy Sellers. **Row 3:** Brandon Wright, Sarah Whithorn, Deborah Ruber, Erin McKillip, Sondra Nickerson, Angie Van Boening, Erin Bleachle, David Nelson, Tracy Hall, Elizabeth Craver and Kelsey Nichols. **Row 4:** Joel Potter, Pam Hockens, Kathryn Jensen, Amanda Whitaker, Missi Alfrey, Nicholas Ross, Rebecca Dunn, Aaron Wilson, Jill Webster, Katrina Streck, Erin Polaski and Kara Karssen. **Back Row:** Derick Delanty, Elizabeth Jensen, Katie Mosby, Emily Dix, Lisa Doudna, DREW Keirse, Mitch Hiser, Chris Dunn, Scott Shannahan, Andrew Jackson, Aaron Phares, Shawn Stetson and Nick Koeteman.





by Betsy Lee

# Additional contacts benefit society members

Decorated with Christmas lights, the first floor of Roberta Hall looked as festive as the bright frosting on the cookies about to be eaten.

Members of the Accounting Society gathered for goodies and conversation during their holiday party Dec. 6. Students filled their plates, played games and celebrated a successful trimester of events.

One major activity of the trimester included a field trip to Omaha, Neb. There, the group's 40 members had the opportunity to receive information from two firms. Arthur Andersen LLP and Physicians Mutual Insurance Co. welcomed the society and showed them the ropes.

"The field trip showed me what my job could be like," Tiffani Greiner said. "It supported my decision to become an accounting major."

Networking was one of the most important features of belonging to the society, President Sarah Carver said. It provided an avenue for accounting majors to socialize, talk about internships and form study groups.

"The mission of the society is to get information to students about accounting," Carver said. "It's a great way to network and meet each other. Networking is how to get ahead in the major and in careers."

For a \$10 membership fee, group members had the opportunity to interact with professionals and other students. The society provided members with valuable connections for the future.

## Blue Key National Honor Fraternity

**Front Row:** Brandon Banks, Eric Miller, Jennifer Gnefkow, Keri Schweigel, Megan McLaughlin and Tucker Woolsey.  
**Back Row:** Ryan Miller, Alison Adkins, Joe Glab, Scott Nielson, Kim Lamberty and Pat McLaughlin.



To help prepare for the gift exchange, Jennifer Zwiegel tears apart pieces of paper. Each person randomly picked a number that Zwiegel wrote on each slip of paper to determine the order people would select their gifts. *photo by Christina Campobasso*



## ◀ Celebration

**Front row:** Chris Marple, Zane Knudtson, Tracy Ward, Stacy Schumacher, Libby Whittle, Elizabeth Walters, Sally Dunn, Lindsay Showers, Jessica Matus, Phillip Holthus and Chris Droegemueller. **Row 2:** Sara Sampson, Sabrina Nemyer, Adam Ewing, Trent Buckner, Nathan Leopard, Jake Harlan, Brandon Strunk, Chris Shobe, Stephen Haynes, Melissa Maness and Sarah Comfort. **Back Row:** Nic Vasquez, Brian von Glahan, Nicole Ursch, Daniel Baker, Allison Oates, Dave Larson, Chris Little, Brice Willson, Megan Allbough, Miles Lutterbie and Tiffany Droegmueller.







### Christian Campus House

**Front Row:** Leslie Lober, Michael Lovelace, Steve Nichols, Jared Watson, Joel Potter, Austin Brown, Sonny Derr, Katie Hanson, Megan Brown and Matt Burns. **Row 2:** Jennifer Harrison, Rudy Koch, Janelle Malewski, Megan Romas, Brian Graves, Lindsay James II, Stephanie Wallace, Shelly Pruitt, Moya O' Berry, Amrah House, Kara Swink, Marcia Weis, Megan Dovel, Natalie Williams, Rob Ahlrichs, Katy Dockus, Heather Derr and Dakota Derr. **Row 3:** Aaron Casady, Ashlee James, Andrea Croskrey, Nathan Dingman, Ryan Fouts, Katy Krouse, Jennifer Heller, Apesue Hunt, Roger Charley, Nancy Charley, Jonathan Mitchell, Cory Collins, Alicia Evans, Joe Jackson, Cherie Houchens, Brad Fullbright, Rachel May and Gabe Bailey. **Row 4:** Amy Paxton, Devon Black, Lori Strong, Emily Dennis, Danelle Kneyse, Erin McKillip, Merci Decker, Sondra Nickerson, Leigh Stock, Angie Van Boening, Julie Flynn, Melissa Drydale, Angela Hartle, Ashley Grosse, Rachel Starks, Jamie Garrison, Stephanie Marreel, Amanda Brooker, Lezlie Potts and Jamie Lemon. **Back Row:** Andrew Samp, Missi Alfrey, Heather Quaes, Tracy Hall, Kelsey Nichols, Matt Rhinehart, Jonathan Cook, Sean Berger, Ian Churchill, B.J. Baker, Warren Withrow, Kyle Geiger and Jason Thompson.

### Commadore

**Front Row:** Corey Collins, Stephanie Wallace, Brad Fullbright, Erin McKillip, Rachel May, Joe Kleine and Katy Krause. **Row 2:** Rob Alrichs, Alicia Evans, Moya O'Berry, Angela Hartle, Ashley Grosse, Kara Swink and Brandi Pinkston. **Row 3:** Jamie Garrison, Nichole Pearl, Jessica Eagen, Kana Murphy, Janette Summy and Matt Burns. **Row 4:** Julio Caesar, Nathanael Schmitz, Gabe Bailey, BJ Baker, Amber Martin, Peggy Bruck, Tegan Mullins, Jessi Burgher, Melissa Drydale and Wade Drossel. **Back Row:** Sonny Derr, Jamie Roberts, Nathan Dingman, Aaron Casady, Jamie Lemon and Entigo Montoya.



Upon entering the American Legion Hall for the annual barnwarming, visitors are stopped by bouncers. Members of the Agriculture Club took turns working the door throughout the night. photo by Amanda Byler



by Lindsay Crump

# Barnwarming celebrates end of trimester

While friends gathered, finishing touches were put into place. Lights were hung from the rafters transforming the American Legion Hall into a place of celebration.

The Agricultural Club held an annual barnwarming party Dec. 1 for members and friends. Open to any major, there was a variety of people in attendance.

"I am not an Ag major, actually I am an Elementary Ed major, but I have met a lot of great friends through the Ag Club," Ashley Hickman said.

With 140 members, the Ag Club was the largest student-based group on campus. All that was required to be involved was an interest in agriculture, attendance and payment of annual dues.

The celebration was one of many activities members participated in throughout the year. During the course of the evening, the Ag Club crowned a barnwarming king and queen. Royalty were Carrie Sullivan and Shawn Malter. Other events included roping contests and an annual Ag Awards banquet, creating an atmosphere that allowed people to get involved.

"Barnwarming is just a good time for everyone to get together and have a lot of fun," Vice President Sullivan said. "We open it up to everyone as a kind of thank you for helping us out this year by volunteering or donating."

Activities such as the barnwarming party were some of the reasons the club appealed to so many students. As the largest student-based organization, the number of members provided friendships, fun and a chance to get to know a variety of people from a variety of majors.

## Computer Management Society ▶

**Front Row:** Faheema Collins, Stephanie Anderson and Melicia Smith. **Back Row:** Nick Wiederholt, Thomas Sanchez, Randy McCleary and John Reynolds.



## Common Ground ▲

**Front Row:** Christie Cox, Jennifer Griggs, Ashley Cunningham, Precious Tillman, Allison Brown and Lance Lewis. **Row 2:** Whitney Hollinger, Taylor Harness, Luke Leedom, Anita Wilson, Amy Carr and Mario Porras. **Back Row:** J.R. Chaney, Natasha Beauboeuf, Bryan Bosch, Adam Schneider, Daniel Munoz, Randy Tilk, Bethany Boltaro, Thomas Sanchez and Lindsay Crump.



Moments before the crowd arrives, Agriculture Club members Dean Smith and Laura Chamberlain break in the dance floor. The barnwarming was held Dec. 1 from 8 p.m. to midnight at the American Legion Hall. photo by Amanda Byler



## Country Faith

**Front Row:** Heather LaShell, Jenny Williams, Alicia Robinson, Tom Head, Jara Sunderman, Amanda Shaw, Katherine McLiella and Monica Harper. **Row 2:** Kyle Gaston, Jennifer Ellis, Katherine Stravch, Stacy Spearow, Jillian Pointer, Kristen Lundgren, Matt Gruber and Kelsi Wright. **Back Row:** Nicole Menefee, Mike Dieckman, Reed Jorgensen, Brian Bethmann, Joel Miller, John Ohlberg and Brian Hula.



As they wait for the rush of students coming to the J.W. Jones Student Union for lunch, Betsey Burgess and Carrie Newell talk about smoking outside buildings on campus. Acceptance was a new peer education group that was approved by the Student Senate this fall, but according to Burgess, the idea for the group has been around for a long time. *photo by Michaela Kanger*

## Delta Mu Delta

**Front Row:** Amy Carter, Marie Allen, Melicia Smith, Jina Lilly and Cindy Kenkel. **Back Row:** Derek Helwig, Michael Head, Brain Jewell, Michael Wenberg, Nick Wiederholt and Deb Powers.



## Delta Chi active

**Front Row:** Mike Tipton, Jeff Bailey and Ryan Koom. **Row 2:** Aaron Dobson, Charles Skelton, Michael Cassidy, Anthony Vitale, Brian Young, Jake Akerson and Kevin Schultz. **Row 3:** Nick Schenck, Mike Bailey, David Burroughs, John Hiatt, Eric Hopp, Matthew Rose and Matt Moore. **Row 4:** David Whitaur, Brian Holstein, Roddy Jasa, Joe Prokop, Chris Mashburn, Eric Koehler and Lance Christofferson. **Back Row:** Josh Shields, Derek Fricke, Jonathan Ceades, Mike McMurtrey, Ben Bruggemann, Jason Tayler and Justin Winter.



by Sarah Smith

# Quest begins to promote positive image

There's no such thing as the perfect body. This was the message members of Acceptance hoped to spread when they kicked off their inaugural year in the fall.

Co-president Betsy Burgess said the organization was in the making for nearly six years before it became a reality. Graduate students within the psychology department had been collecting research for their dissertations with the hopes of someday starting an organization that would address the issue of body image awareness.

"The graduate students had been working on it, but they were struggling to get it to get it to the next level," Burgess said.

Burgess felt that the issue of body image awareness was often neglected. Acceptance was designed to bring this issue into the open.

"Our town has this image that it has to be all-American and we're not," Burgess said. "There's a lot covered up and not talked about."

To increase awareness of the issue, Acceptance made presentations at Maryville Middle School about self-esteem, eating disorders and body image. In addition, they worked on spreading the message to college students by handing out pamphlets for the "Great American Smoke Out" in November and Body Image Awareness Week in February.

"The younger kids need more direction," Burgess said. "On the college level, we help them to be aware of the situation; to let them know it's not bad to be the way they are, but they need help."

Although Acceptance targeted different age groups with different levels of knowledge, the mission behind the group was universal—find a balance between mental and physical health.



For the "Great American Smoke Out" Acceptance members, Betsy Burgess, Carrie Newell and Lauralyn Sullivan talk to Nathan Elder about the facts of smoking as he takes a bag of candy. The group handed out air fresheners that said "67 percent of NW students choose not to smoke" as well as bags of candy attempting to persuade smokers to fill out a "commit to quit" contract. photo by Michaela Kanger



## Delta Chi new members

**Front Row:** Eric Patton, Daniel Bensley, Matt Callahan, Eric Mills, Steve Anderson and Justin Porter. **Row 2:** Bryson Edwards, Nic Jurgens, Ryan Gilbert, Kyle Jansen, Brett Stauffer and Dan Bradley. **Row 3:** Fred Weikelorfer, Dakota Glasscock, Jed Penland, Jake Kite, Scot Moore and Jason Anderson. **Back Row:** Jason Madson, Joe Ramsey, Casey Sheil, Kyle Foster, Chris Mock and Phelan Fujan.

## Delta Zeta

**Front Row:** Stephanie Swift, Kaycee Sandridge, Kim Hermreck, Lindsey Fierking, Caroline Gross and Jamie Borsh. **Row 2:** Amanda Berg, Janelle McMullen, Ashley Young, Erin Mowery, Andrea Johnson, Crystal McArdle, Emily Vaughn and Julie Polc. **Row 3:** Sharon Crane, Joann Trussell, Amanda Fox, Nickie McGinnis, Kacie Perna, Adrienne Rosenthal, Becky Adams, Samantha Fox, Katie Belton, Shelley Caniglia, Christine Miller, Kristina Olms, Stephanie Read and Angela Sargent. **Back Row:** Kelly Kettinger, Meghan Dunning, Amy Kephart, Katie Withee, Jessie Taylor, Rachelle Wright, Kari Fierking, Tiffany Twombly, Melissa Johnson, Nicole Nulph, Ashley Witmeyer and Jennifer Munroe.



## Fellowship of Christian Athletes

**Front Row:** Jesse Fisher and Mitch Hise. **Row 2:** Amber Olney, Cecilee Diamond, Jodi Victor, Chad McDaniel, Apesue Hunt, Megan Stetson, Jeni Jeppesen, Pam Hockens and Chanty Richardson. **Row 3:** Shelly Guhde, Lisa Doudna, Matt Fisher, Kara Karssen, Julie Victor, Kristin Horstmann, Leah Henderson, Stephanie Swift, Emily Schaeperkoetter, Lindsay Jones, Sean Berger, Bradley Hall and Angela Jennings. **Row 4:** Jenn Biere, David Hudson, Rebecca Schelp, Sarah Schelp, Danielle Lawless, Drew Keirse, Patrice Casey, Colby Jones, Robert Gorman, Nathan Lane, Daniel Jeppesen, Katie Mosby, Emily Dix and Renny McVandewege. **Row 5:** Steven Guhde, Allison Holmes, Brad Peterson, Shane Albertson, Tammy Peterson, Kathryn Jensen, Elizabeth Jensen, Jenna Johnson, Suzanne Von Behren, Danny Burns, Lindsey Vorm, Josh Lamberson, Amber Schneider, Brice Willson, Sarah Comfort, Julie Kitzing and Amy Dawson. **Row 6:** Shawn Stetson, Derek Elliot, Andrew Samp, Carly Estey, Kaylyn Lakebrink, Natalie Alden, Amy Wehrenberg, Kelly Smith, Kristin Helminck, Ashley Nuss, Becca Ekstrom, Rebekah Zeikle, Ryan Lidlolph, Lori Ficken, Marie Allen, Nicole Koeltzow and Rachel Thompson. **Back Row:** Chris Harris, Derrick Elliot, David Farmer, Chris Little, Scott Shannahan, Nathan Marticke, Daniel McKim, Marcellus Casey, Andrew Jackson, Clinton Woods and Aaron Phares.



## Franken Hall Council

**Front Row:** Steven Carnhon, Betsy Burgess, Keri William and Christy Crownover. **Row 2:** Kristin Jackson, Andrea Akers, Lisa Carrico, Kendra Finney, Mikayla Chambers and Laura Kozel. **Row 3:** Dave Clisbee, Grace Johnson, Patricia Mugabe, Katie Peterson, Emily Dehmer and Derek McDermott. **Back Row:** John Platt, Risa Richter, Soraya Fays, Jonathan Cook and David Stephens.



## Delta Sigma Phi

**Front Row:** Tony Saccoman, Ryan Rehder, Josh Johnson, Matt Miller and Dave Scheet. **Row 2:** Nick Larson, Jake Moore, Sam Feldman, Aaron Sickle, Dustin Evans, Kaleb Kern, Ben Fiedler, Arrick Jazyinka, Adam Littleton, Ken Staack and Amy Wilson. **Back Row:** Troy Gibson, Chris Emison, Trevor Hein, Ryan Moore, Adam Nelson, John Bolyard, Bruce Dunlap, Dustin Colvin, Lee Dishman, Jacob Ralph and Jordan Adams.



## Delta Tau Alpha

**Front Row:** Ronda Driskill, Robert Conley and Lori Fordyce. **Back Row:** Jay Crom, Tyler Williams, Brett Wellhausen and Tom Head.



In a quiet corner, Danielle Rhoades and Melissa Thomas play a serious game of chess. "I came to the Fellowship's meetings because it gave me a chance to learn different types of games," Thomas said. photo by Amanda Byler



by Betsy Lee

# Virtual combat against peers and diabetes

With one sharp blow to the head, the battle began. The response of the other player was quick; he retaliated with a swift kick to the stomach. On the wide projection screen mounted in the lecture room, the combat video game "Tekken" looked almost real.

The Fellowship of the Tower, a gaming organization, planned a "Tekken" tournament in order to raise money for charity. Members of the group battled to the death playing this PlayStation combat game.

"The tournament is a fund-raiser," President Don Prior said. "We're trying to raise money for our philanthropy, the American Diabetes Society."

Entrants were charged \$3 for a chance at the "Tekken" championship. Eight individuals paid to participate in the tournament.

Always looking for new members to compete with, the organization was open to any student on campus. A \$5 membership fee was required to join.

According to Prior, the Fellowship of the Tower's mission was to promote gaming in Maryville. The group's 11 members met weekly to play games and organize functions. Secretary Leanna McMillan said the group was planning a gaming convention in April or early May.

"We hope people will come and meet everybody and get connected with other gamers," McMillan said. "New people also introduce us to new games and we are always more than willing to learn."

A large variety of games were played during Fellowship of the Tower game nights. According to McMillan, however, the group was best known for playing "Dungeons and Dragons."

"Dungeons and Dragons" is a card game," McMillan said. "It is a strategic game that requires role-playing and problem solving."

The Fellowship of the Tower was the only university-recognized gaming organization on campus. It gave students with an interest in gaming a chance to gather, share new games and compete with other experts.



Contemplating his next move, Matt Hake of the Fellowship of the Tower participates in one of the many organized games. "I got into 'Magic' as a freshman and have played ever since," Thomas Hindmarch, fellow player, said. photo by Amanda Byler



## Forensics

**Front Row:** Merci Decker, Lindsay Crump, Tatianna Johnson, Patrick Johnson, Nicole Nulph, Kory Harbour, Eric Abney and David Tibbles. **Back Row:** Dana Eggebrecht, Laci Ann Fiala, Tyler Shaw, Zach Boman, Jessica Lambert, Tracy Vittone, Derick Blankenship and Nick Krause.







### Geography Club

**Front Row:** Brandon Banks, Drew Bednasek, Matt Fisher, Rachael Collins, Andrea Kellner and Wendy Evans. **Row 2:** Pat Iske, Ryan Morton, Aaron Winter, Angie Van Boeving, Katy Krause, Tiffany Spaulding and Maren Hoegh. **Back Row:** Zak Knowles, Karla Strain, Dan Topel, Kevin Pemberton, Jason Felton, Rob Ahlrichs and Renee Rohs.

### Heartland View

**Front Row:** Amy Carr, Karina Walker, Amy Putney, Sarah Smith, Jaclyn Mauck, Amber Brazil and Warren Crouse. **Back Row:** Jody Strauch, Emily Vaughn, Janelle McMullen, Jessica Scheuler, Jenny Niese and Cody Snapp.



### Gamma Theta Upsilon

**Front Row:** Aaron Winter, Ryan Morten, Justin Babbitt, Steven Schnell and Matt Fisher. **Row 2:** Patrick Boes, Dan Topel, Matthew Wilson, Tiffany Spaulding and Jason Felton. **Back Row:** Drew Bednasek, Kevin Pemberton, Tom Head and Gregory Haddock.



Tou Ger Xiong describes himself and his family as the "hillbillies of Asia." Xiong spoke to students and faculty during International Education Week about his escape from Louse, China because his father was involved with the CIA. photo by Michael Kanger



### HPERD Club

**Front Row:** Ricci Miller, Jenny Williams, Kim Lamberty, and April Nelson. **Back Row:** Brian Howard, Heather Berry, Melissa Drydale, Latonya Davis, Lori Jensen and Jamie Liehr.



## Hispanic American Leadership Organization

**Front Row:** Dan Ayala, Precious Tillman and Mario Porras. **Back Row:** Francisco Martinez, Derick Delanty, Laura Seeb, Becky McLaughlin, Daniel Munoz and Alejandro Ching.



by Jill Robinson

# Cultural awareness through humor, stories and rap

**I**mpense energy sparked off of Tou Ger Xiong in his enthusiasm for cultural diversity. His personality was as colorful as his bright red, blue and green attire.

The Intercultural and International Center had Xiong speak about his life as a part of the second annual International Education Week. A native of Louse, China, Xiong spent four years in a refugee camp before moving to Minnesota in 1979.

His humor was spoken in a mixture of English and his original Hmong language. Xiong spread the message of cultural respect in his program, "Bruce Lee meets Snoop Doggy Dog."

Xiong stressed, through rap and childhood stories, the challenges of growing up a minority. According to the charismatic speaker, involvement in culturally diverse organizations makes a difference.

"It makes a statement to the rest of the community," Xiong said. "You need to be able to walk in different cultures."

One opportunity for students to broaden their cultural horizons was through the Intercultural and International Center. An umbrella to an array of other diverse organizations, the IIC supported cultural diversity.

Located on the second floor of the J.W. Jones Student Union, the IIC housed organizations' offices for University multi-cultural groups. It was this diverse setting that Xiong said was necessary to get past stereotypes and discrimination.

"To study race is a hands-on thing," Xiong said. "You need to go learn about these things. Students must understand that to be agents of change."

Stories and humor help Tou Ger Xiong explain what it was like to grow up with "one foot in each culture." Xiong moved to America from Louse, China and spoke two languages. photo by Michaela Kanger





Performing a traditional Indian dance, Kshitij Kas, Shalini Wiltred and Naem Mohammed entertain the crowd at the Festival of Lights. Indian food such as Naan, Dal and Tandoori chicken were served before the festivities. photo submitted by Ritu Lam



### Interfraternity Council

**Front row:** Nathan Leopard, Jason Washam, Todd Kenney and Robert Laflin. **Back row:** Mike McMurtrey, Tony Saccoman, Dustin Evans, Chris Holder, Michael Hickman and Jonathan Eades.



### International Student Organization

**Front Row:** Shoko Ishimoto, Nikara Pratt, Hannah Taylor, Audrey May, Leana Grinchick, Mamiko Noda and Tsering Panjor. **Back Row:** Zaman Mohammed, Jin Suk Yang, Vladimir Aleksandrovich Pozdin, Vladislav Tchatalbachev, Austin Brown, Kshitij Ray and Hyun-woo Cha.



by Betsy Lee

# Festival enlightens campus community

Shades of all colors brightened the room, creating a jovial mood. Traditional Indian music playing softly in the background set the scene for the Festival of Lights.

Celebrating the Hindu New Year, the Festival of Lights had its debut on Northwest's campus Nov. 16. A banquet of Indian food, native music and dance presentations transformed the Conference Center into the setting of a traditional festival. Sponsored by the 38 members of the Indian Student Association, the festival was a way to inform students about Indian culture.

"Getting students from other backgrounds involved was the awesome part," Secretary Sunil Mehra said. "We kept thanking every student for coming. It's great to share our culture with others."

Founded in the fall, ISA was formed to create a sense of community among Indian students. It included students of all ethnic backgrounds who had an interest in Indian culture. The only requirements for membership were a 2.0 GPA and an open mind.

"The organization has created a home away from home for me," Mehra said. "It helps incoming students by giving them a place to belong right away."

ISA strove to create a sense of community among members while exposing the student body to a culture not previously experienced. Traditional food and music gave the students a few moments to be transported away from Maryville and encounter a taste of India.





Paper candles decorate the stage as Kshitij Ray dances in the Festival of Lights. The men wore the traditional Indian garments called Kurtas. photo submitted by Ritu Jain.



### Improv A La Mode ▲

**Front Row:** Brooks Schroeder, Jeff Tempel, Jay Rozema, Jason Daunter, Brandon Thrasher and Jonathan Reynolds. **Back Row:** Natasha Beauboeuf, Nathan Rivera, Steven Salcedo, David Larson, Reid Kirchhoff and Jessica Lambert.

### Institute of Management Accounting

Jennifer Halverson,  
Amanda Sigwing  
and Nicole Miller.



### Horticulture Club ▲

**Front Row:** Carrie Sullivan, Nathanael Schmitz, Wally Cottrell, Heather Lashell, Beth Schimming, Jamie Haisiak and Travis Stohes. **Back Row:** Katie Jacobs, Nancy Krieffmeyer, Trina Riergel, Jenny Niese and Alex Ching.



### Kappa Omicron Nu

**Front Row:** Kristen Robinson, Emily Craven, Lori Meyer, Jena Hansen, Debra Henggeler and Melissa Engle. **Back Row:** Molly Driftmier, Sarah Baier, Kathryn Hamilton, Amber Gross, Jamie Lemon and Jami Willenborg.



### KDLX

**Front Row:** Daniel Dozar, Dustin Wasson, Amy Kern, Kaleb Kerr, Ashley Nuss, Amanda Scott, Brandi Wilmes, Jamie Bossert, Justin Nickerson, Kimberly Robinson and Jamie Rinehart. **Row 2:** Jeramie Eginore, Josie McClernon, Erica Orf, Crystal Kimball, Kelly Relph, Greg Smith, Tatiannia Johnson, Gina Tominia and Sheena West. **Back Row:** Rich Thomas, Scott Graf, Heather Hainline, Shannon Gould, Bradley Nanneman, Steve Handley and Ryan Delehant.



In round two, Libby Whittle performs her karaoke version of the Leanne Rhimes song, "Right Kind of Wrong." Whittle's background music was cut off early in her performance but she continued to sing. photo by Amanda Byler



### K.I.D.S.

**Front Row:** Kortni Norgart, Karar Rollins, Kristy Wheeler, Amy Carr, Jessica Esdhor, Amy Ashbrook, Katie Andrews, Mary Poeta, Megan Utthe and Gwen Nickolaion. **Row 2:** Maie Daugherty, Kathy Laswell, Emily VanBuskirk, Bethany Mullen, Renae Kroll, Katie Godsey, Racheal Thompson, Allison Sears, Laura Haney, Ashley Wiimayer, Andrea Lamb, Valerie Hoakison, Katie Lackovic, Shane Snyder, Heather Wisinger, Jamie Ross and Lisa Michel. **Back Row:** Dawn Trent, Beau Heyen, Joe Kleine, Kaylyn Lakebrink, Marietta Woods, Joe Miller, Sam Schwartz, Victoria Briscoe, Derek Delanty, Kelsi Bogolanski, Jamie Wiebelhaus, Jessica McCunn, Karen Knight, Phillip Lubeck, Anitra Germer, Ashley Tysen and Joanne Huniger.



by Mandy Lauck

# Dream performance crowns pageant winner

The anticipation rose, it was the moment she would be chosen. Shifting back and forth, the audience wondered whose name would attach itself to the title of Dream Girl 2001.

The Third Annual Dream Girl competition was held Dec. 3 at the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center as a fund-raising event for the Kappa Sigma fraternity.

The members of Kappa Sigma sponsored the event and all proceeds went to the American Cancer Society. John Stacey, Kappa Sigma member, said the turnout and amount of money raised was consistent from year to year. Stacey said previously when the competition was held at Charles Johnson Theater, it was usually filled up.

"About every year now we have raised around \$1,000 to give to the American Cancer Society," Stacey said.

Eight contestants competed for the title and were sponsored by various organizations. The winner of the 2001 competition was Amy Lockard, sponsored by Sigma Sigma Sigma. Lockard said the experience allowed her to meet other participants.

"The competition was a lot of fun and it was exciting to work with girls that I didn't know," Lockard said.

The Northwest Xi-Zeta chapter of the Kappa Sigma fraternity consisted of 24 members who paid \$45 in monthly dues. Other than the American Cancer Society, the fraternity's services included raising money for research in muscular dystrophy and multiple sclerosis.

As a mixture of emotions surrounded Lockard winning, two goals were achieved. The Dream Girl of 2001 was chosen, and the American Cancer Society reaped the rewards.



## Kappa Sigma

**Front Row:** Ben Watts, Greg Smith, John Williams, Matt McCleish, Chad McGraw, James Pankiewicz and Todd Huntley. **Row 2:** Jake Gerriets, Josh Key, James Pate, Jarrod Smith, Jon Carlin, Nicholas Brown, Caleb Pearson, Todd Kenney, John Stacey and Ripton Green. **Back Row:** Alan Colling, Steve Nichols, Brian Oxley, Rob Elfrank, Jared Watson, Wyatt Sperry and Paul Houfek.



Upon receiving the 2001 Kappa Sigma Dream Girl title, Amy Lockard hugs 2000 Dream Girl winner Melanie Siedschlag. Lockard was sponsored by Sigma Sigma Sigma. photo by Amanda Byler



## Kappa Kappa Psi

**Front Row:** Philip Maher, Jamie Bossert, Julie Knapp, Amy Kunkelman, Tom Brockman, Carrie Shuck, Nicole Ryan, Kim Eilers, Brian Dorn and Megan Albaugh. **Row 2:** Cory Hull, Nicholas Ross, Brad Davis, Sarah Will, Rachelle Wright, Nic Vasquez, David Potter, Jennifer Davenport and Brian McBain. **Back Row:** Andy Kenkel, Gavin Lendt, Amanda Miller, Jill Kloppenburg, Sabrina Nemyer, Celinda Cox and Rusty Ethridge.



With a smile and a hand shake, Bill Felps introduces himself to his date, Laura Merz. With the highest bid, Merz bought one date with Felps at the KJWT date auction. photo by Shane McAsey



#### KJWT

**Front Row:** Matt Sanchelli, Kerry Finnegan and Allisha Moss. **Row 2:** Ron Smith, Reggie Smith, Leah Ault, Sara Magnus, Kim Ernst, Vicky Huff and Mark Warren. **Back Row:** Brett Stewart, Ben Ditsch, Sarah Swedberg, Josh Murphy, Justin Ross, P.J. Eldred, Adam McReynolds and Eric Nickelson.



#### Model United Nations

Kara Edwards, Janson Thomas, Ryan Bauer and Kevin Buterbaugh.

#### Liahona Organization of Christian Fellowship

Lindsay Smith, Valerie Hoakison, Yolanda Mackey, Sarah Daniels and Becky Troyer.





by Jill Johnson

# Highest bidder exchanges dollars for date

Light, sensual music came through the speakers in the dimly-lit dining room. Fashionably clad men and women were pacing about the room waiting in anticipation of KNWT's first date auction to begin.

Participants auctioned off one evening of their time to the highest bidder in an effort to raise money for charities benefiting those affected by the tragedy on Sept. 11.

KNWT's staff members worked the event and served as subjects to be auctioned. One of the biggest challenges for the staff was getting people to stand up and be auctioned off.

"I was suckered into it by Matt Sanchelli, the master of ceremonies," Bill Felps said.

On the other hand, there was little shortage in the number of bidders. PJ Elders, a coordinator promoting the event, planned on bidding for a date.

"I'm bidding on Will Murphy," Elders said. "He's offering a back massage and I can't pass that up."

In addition to organizing charity events, KNWT played an active part on the campus. It was a student-run organization that produced the shows broadcast on Channel 8 on Thursdays.

Although most of the staff members were broadcast students, people from other majors could participate.

## Millikan Hall Council

**Front Row:** Kim Rogers, Amanda Kunza, Sarah Swedberg, Jessica Wilkinson, Desiree Campbell, Emily Dennis and Kara Hegna. **Back Row:** Laura Haney, Ebony DePeralta, Angela Sargent, Starlith Adams, Abby Galbraith, Stacy Oxley, Noelle Jagger and Kitty Nixon.



## Lambda Pi Eta

**Front Row:** Derek McDermott. **Back Row:** Kristen Lundgren, Nicole Nulph and Shelley Caniglia.





A boy stands to see the pictures as Shannon Knierim reads "McDuff's New Friend" in the Maryville Public Library. As a member of Mortar Board, Knierim volunteered one hour of her time to read to area children. *photo by Amanda Byler*

by Jill Robinson

## Story time S provides service for children

Small hands were folded in their laps, tiny fingers interlaced in anticipation of a story. The squirming and restless bodies stopped for a moment to gaze at pictures featured in the Christmas book from the Maryville Public Library.

In an effort to fulfill their "Reading is Leading" project, members of Mortar Board met at the Maryville Public Library every Saturday at 10 a.m.

Students read stories, provided snacks and created pieces of artwork for an average of 20 children ranging 3 to 6 years in age.

"The interaction between the kids and college students is probably the most fun," Suzanne Von Behren said. "It's rewarding. We plan on doing this all year and next trimester we are also going to read at the nursing homes."

Mortar Board was a national senior honor society that recognized students for outstanding scholarship, leadership and service. Membership was by application; seniors had to have at least a 3.0 GPA and a record of involvement with the University or community.

"I think being in Mortar Board is an honor," Von Behren said. "It's important to reward people's hard work and this organization is something to work toward. We are involved in the betterment of the whole community and we represent what Northwest is about."

Demonstrating exceptional service to the University and the community was nothing new to the approximately 30 members involved. Mortar Board was a combination of leaders from an array of backgrounds and interests, forming an organization dedicated to service.



### National Residence Hall Honorary

**Front Row:** Kristin Jackson, Amber Degner, Wendy Kay, Justin Corbett, Jayna Vaccaro, Jessica Clausen, Sara Begley and Rose Viau. **Back Row:** Nicole Strong, Brain Dorn, Christy Crownover, Laura Kozel and Matthew Staub.



## Music Educators National Conference

**Front Row:** Sarah Comfort, Samantha Hildreth, Nicole Ursch, Gretchen Engle, Carrie Shuck and Brice Willson. **Row 2:** Zane Knudtson, Leigh Stock, Sara Sampson, Amanda Miller, Jessica Smith, Elizabeth Walters and Sarah Meyer. **Back Row:** Sam Crust, Adam Ewing, Becca Ekstrom, Megan Allbaugh and Trent Buckner.



## Newman Center

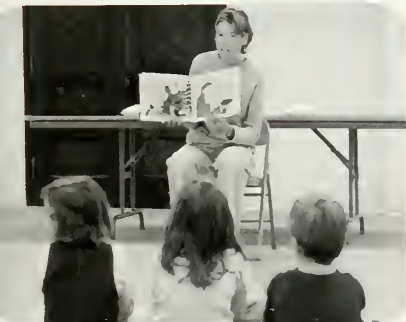
**Front Row:** Sarah Visty, James Rice, Jamie Deao and Nicholas Boelter. **Row 2:** Michaela Hand, Nick Del Signore, Carrie Iverson, Nicole Berger, Jessica Smith, Sarah Meyer and Emily Van Buskirk. **Row 3:** Justin Frederick, Jacqui Handlos, Rebecca Weeder, Joanna Townley, Katie Johnson, Amanda Sanderson and Cedric David. **Back Row:** Richard Prevedel, Stephen Rudolph, Adam Ewing, Monica Caldwell, Phil Koehler, James Pankiewicz and David Farmer.

## Mortar Board

**Front Row:** Susan Tingley, Brett Graves, Traci Thierolf and Matthew Staub. **Row 2:** Louann Meyer, Shannon Knierim, Debbie Bacon and Julie Brophy. **Row 3:** Allisha Moss, Nichole Gottsch, Jill Robinson, Kerry Finnegan, Jessica Smith, Quin Fuller, Amanda Scott and Jay Crom. **Back Row:** Brian Dorn, Suzanne Von Behrwn, Nathan Marticke, Lisa Sycra, Chris Marple, Justin Corbett and Brett Wellhausen.



Children gather around Susan Tingley as she reads "Shhh!" by Julie Sykes and Tim Warner. "I love children and being a part of Mortar Board," Tingley said. photo by Amanda Byler



## National Agri-Marketing Association

**Front Row:** Corey Neill, Chris Reynolds, Chrissy Cuminale and Jackie Juhl. **Back Row:** Ronda Driskill, Tarryn Dicke, Lacy Friedrich, Heidi Fuelling, Autumn Griffieon and Laura Rotterman.





### Northwest Missourian executive board

**Front Row:** Marjie Kossman, Mark Hornickel and Danny Burns. **Back Row:** Bill Knust, Melissa Galitz, Sara Sitzman, Trisha Thompson, Chris Hecker and John Petrovic.



### Panhellenic Council ▼

**Front Row:** Jamie Borsh, Lori Frodyce, Kristen Huster, Jessica McKenzie, Jessi Nower and Ricci Miller. **Row 2:** Alyssa Welu, Amy Milligan, Christy Hocker, Jenny Bruncker and Molly Miller, Jennifer Van Der Steen. **Back Row:** Kelli Rowlands, Janelle McMullen, Crystal McArdle, Emily Short, Anna Nabors, Alisha Ahern, Amy Lockard, Crystal Cole and Tori Warner.



Clothing covers the table in piles and Enza Solano keeps the Order of Omega garage sale running smoothly. "Anything we don't sell we're going to give to our adopted family," Andrea Johnson said. photo by Amanda Byler

by Betsy Lee

## Greeks unite in garage sale fund-raiser

weaters, coats, pants and shirts cluttered the tables in Dining Room 2 of the J.W. Jones Student Union. From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Nov. 28, the Northwest chapter of the Order of Omega sold donated wares with the goal of raising money for five adopted families.

"Each family has three Greek houses as their sponsor," Enza Solano, Alpha Sigma Alpha, said. "Our main goal with this event was to get stuff and make enough money to buy them the things on their wish list."

According to Order of Omega Vice President Jamie Borsh, the sale went well despite a lack of items sold.

"We didn't make a ton of money," Borsh said. "But at least we have a lot of stuff to donate to the family and we learned what to do next year to make it better."

The Adopt-A-Family project was a way for the organization to work on their goals. Order of Omega, a Greek Leadership Honor Society, consisted of 35 members. There was a strict selection process to get involved; applicants had to have a 3.0 GPA and a history of involvement within the Greek community.

"Our mission is to try to find ways to enhance the Greek community and bring the houses together," Borsh said. "We work really hard to bring everyone together."

In addition to organizing the Adopt-A-Family project, Order of Omega sponsored an annual Watermelon Fest.

"The Watermelon Fest is a tradition within the Greek community," Borsch said. "It gives Greeks an opportunity to come together, play games and meet people."

Throughout the year, Order of Omega strove to provide leadership for their fellow Greeks. They accomplished these goals by providing Greeks with opportunities to socialize and perform community service.





## Too Late Paintball

**Front Row:** Julie Flynn, Anthony Sasso III, Nick Waldo, Brad Fullbright and Tyler Young. **Back Row:** Daniel Ayers, Kyle Samp, Tony Wernimont, Amy McCollum, Nick DeSignore, Andrew Acknard, Tim Welch, Doug Reuther, Chris Nelson and John Platt.



In Dining Room 2 of the J.W. Jones Student Union, Enza Solano and Andrea Johnson prepare clothes for the garage sale. The Society of Omega collected everything from jeans to sweaters for their fund-raiser. photo by Amanda Byler



## Order of Omega

**Front Row:** Jamie Borsh, Nathan Leopard, Todd Kenney and Corinne Moszczynski. **Row 2:** Jill Citta, Carissa Kalkbrenner, Katherine Phillips, Allison Clevenger, Bridget Divis, Tiffany Barmann, Cassia Kite, Lisa Josephsen and Enza Solano. **Row 3:** Kim Lamberty, Janelle McMullen, Debbie Bacon, Michelle Wiesner, Crystal Beckham, Ricci Miller, Brooke Hansen and Andrea Johnson. **Row 4:** Traci Thierolf, Sarah Ziemer, Heidi Fuelling, Lori Fordyce, Casey McConkey, Todd Parker and Becky Adams. **Back Row:** Brandon Banks, Brett Wellhausen, Brett Graves, Michael Hickman and Chris Doering.



## Perrin Hall Council

**Front Row:** Jessica Hoeffcker, Whitney Browning, Virginia Herbert, Angie Van Boening, Carly Ray and Christina Blanchard. **Row 2:** Andrea Bartel, Katrina Streck, Amy Kable, Serena Brooks, Ashley Tyser, Stacy Williams, Patsy Weddle, Michelle Eischeid and Christina Hurtado. **Back Row:** Sarah Robinson, Amy Ware, Charity Tubb, Maria Swope, Autumn Griffieon, Carrie Hegg, Colleen Pate and Andrea Kellner.



## Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia active

**Front Row:** Nathan Brooks, Paul Mashaney, Gary-Paul Robinett, Nic Vasquez, Josh Fisher, Nathan Clerveti, Brice Willson and Travis Williams. **Back Row:** Jacob Harlan, Patrick Hedges, Kyle Koenig, Justin Babbitt, Tom Brockman, Chris Marple, Stephen Haynes, Brandon Strunk, Jeremy Barlow and David Potter.



With lyrics in hand, Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia spreads the holiday cheer. Songs such as "God Bless Ye Merry Gentlemen" and "Feliz Navidad" were sung. photo by Amanda Byler



## Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia new members

**Front Row:** Phillip Hotthus, Chris Little and James Armstrong. **Back Row:** Eric Stitt, Phillip Shull and Patrick Brommer.

by Betsy Lee

# Christmas carols spread early holiday cheer

Beautiful harmonies rose into the cold winter sky welcoming the holiday spirit.

Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia members bundled up in sweaters, coats and mittens to sing carols on the south steps of the J.W. Jones Student Union.

With the goal of raising money for the Salvation Army, the group invited friends and other Greek organizations to sing with them Dec. 11.

"I enjoyed the caroling," Phillip Shull said. "It was cold out there but it was definitely for a good cause."

After performing on the steps of the Union, the group traveled to Wal-Mart to continue singing. The two performances collected over \$100 for the Salvation Army.

Weekly meetings were held to plan events such as caroling. Pledges were required to attend additional meetings separate from active members. The fraternity had six pledges, which experienced an extensive recruiting process at the beginning of the year.

In addition to raising money for the Salvation Army, the fraternity organized a concert to benefit victims of the Sept. 11 terrorist attack. Held at Charles Johnson Theater, the concert featured the vocal and instrumental talents of many Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia members.

Although the fraternity lacked a traditional fraternity house, they accomplished a great deal to assist multiple charities. When the fraternity members saw an organization in need, they quickly mobilized their talents to raise money for a good cause.

## Phi Mu active ▶

**Front Row:** Jill Hecker, Stephanie Simmons, Steph Burkett, Laura Leffert, Amber Blanchard, Summer Cradick, Sarah Pfaltzgraff, Kadi Willming, Amy Elmore and Kimberly Hill. **Row 2:** Shelby Shultes, Dawn Thelen, Kim Lamberly, Jill Dauner, Emily Short, Shannon Taylor, Crystal Beckman, Jill Jackson, Mary Harriott, Heather Berry, Jessi Jacobs and Michelle Wiesner.

**Row 3:** Laura Thomson (advisor), Alicia Shirk, Jackie Foy, Stephanie Henley, Hilary Morris, Summer Petralie, Jill Contu, Melissa Panis, Laura Moore, Clara Busenbark, Becky Wand, Nichole Gottsch, Amy Johnson, Rachel Livengood, Marlina Howe, Stephanie Adams and Alison Adkins. **Back Row:** Julie Victor, Sarah Ziemer, Tiffany Gregg, Tanya Henry, Kylie Troutman, LaBebe Nickell, Ricci Miller, Mindy Townsend, Jeanna Waterman, Lindsay Geier, Rachel Miller, Sarah Zimmerman, Tiffany Trokey and Jennifer Reller.



## Phi Mu new members

**Front Row:** Brooke Sasser, Jennifer Piper, Laura Ginder, Megan McClain, Cassidy Firebaugh, Mandy McDaniel, Courtney Lafrentz, Melissa Guatello and Brynn Roesk. **Row 2:** Sarah Lawson, Heather Tullman, Alissa Bailey, Jessie Cooper, Mandy Decker, Jessica Irmeier, Jess Sciortino, Carly Peerson, Jamie Pollock, Tara Scott, Brooke Dixon and Kelly Swope. **Row 3:** Molly Gianchino, Erin Drurumond, Carla Keller, Kate Tehring, Kandra Nicholas, Jen Seaman, Melissa Lawson, Kristin Helmink and Becky Johnston. **Back Row:** Moira Aaron, Missy Martens, Shannon Rebori, Stacy Hotony, Lindsay Niemeyer, Shawn Logston, Stephanie Lochmiller, Lynday Melton and Holly Phillips.

Members of Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia carol on the steps of the J.W. Jones Student Union entrance. After caroling at the Union the group continued on to sing at Wal-Mart. photo by Amanda Byler







### Phillips Hall Council

**Front Row:** Tiffany Ford and Jill Webster. **Back Row:** Jacqui Serflaten, Jason Williamson and Emily Elder.

by Betsy Lee

# Students protect personal freedoms

**S**tanding strong for freedom of speech, religion and the press, the American Civil Liberties Union sought to protect all freedoms granted under the Bill of Rights.

The local chapter of the ACLU was a new organization on campus. Initiated by President Jonathan Murr, the goal of the organization was to inform students and the community about their rights.

"If you're pulled over by a police officer, you need to know your rights," Murr said. "We're seeking to create a public awareness of rights and the ways to be heard by government."

Evolving into an organization, the approximately 15 members paid no official dues and met every Thursday in Colden Hall. Murr said since the club was formed the political science and communications professors encouraged students to join.

Hoping to continue growth within the organization, Murr planned several activities for the spring semester, including a guest speaker. Murr invited Lisa Nathanson, head of the ACLU law office in Kansas City, to come and speak to the club about her profession.

The local chapter of the ACLU continued recruiting members and planning activities for those who attended the meetings. The introduction of the ACLU provided the campus with an organization anyone could speak out about.



### ◀ Phi Sigma active

**Front Row:** Joel Schoonveld, Nathan Leopold, Lon Nuss, Logan Lightfoot and Donald Key. **Row 2:** David Stark, Josh Simmons, Brad Woodard, Dave Hunt, J.P. Prezzavento, Justin Ross, Nathan Woodland and Nate Mitchell. **Row 3:** Yasene Almuttar, Justin Wennstedt, Nick Waldo, Tony Dubolino, Ryan Sample, Andrew Roth and Mike Blair. **Back Row:** Bryan McGaugh, Jordan Johnson, Richard Peeper, Shawn Ades, David Stevens, Brent Castillo, Adam Eimer and Joe Stock.





### Philosophy Club ▲

**Front Row:** Holly Stillman, Michael Mosenfelder and Aaron Winter. **Back Row:** Travis Sybert, Jarrod Smith, Tyler Tritten and James Pankiewicz.

Hoping to attract interested students American Civil Liberties Union President Jonathan Murr hangs a flyer in the J.W. Jones Student Union. Issues such as the death penalty, free speech and police practices were discussed in ACLU meetings. *photo illustration by Amanda Byler*

### Phi Sigma new members ▼

**Front Row:** Justin Kearns, Jason Untiedt, Jim Macaitis, DJ Kaiser and Matt Macutis. **Row 2:** Chad Baudoin, Justin Donovan, Matt Sanchelli, Ryan Denton, Dan Nowosielski and Sam Woodland. **Back Row:** Scott Hill, Erik Taylor, Thad Dean, Philip Roth, Kevin Tiernan, Ben York and Chris Stewart.



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## Pre-Med Club

**Front Row:** Aimee Holtz, Tabitha Simpson, Jenna Cook, Christina Coalter, Roneika Moore, Bridget Divis, Kathryn Watkins, Catherine Keim, Andrea Schnuck, Christi Martin, Sherry Pfaffly and Terry Pfaffly. **Back Row:** Julie Coney, Amy Johnson, Jill Fisher, Kim Scarborough, Sarah Zimmerman, Thad Dean, Jason Cox and Beth Fajen.



As Molly Driitmier begins to fill a mason jar, Bridget Divis places a gigantic bag of sugar on the counter. The Northwest Student Dietetic Association made winter drink mixes such as hot chocolate and tea. *photo by Brett Stewart*

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## Nutritious drink creations for holiday season

The sweet smell of nutmeg and cinnamon wafted through the third floor of the Administration Building. In the Family and Consumer Sciences department kitchen, the Northwest Student Dietetic Association put together drink mixes for their second annual fund-raising campaign.

"We fill mason jars with layered drink mixes," President MiTasha Heideman said. "This year we made cappuccino, cocoa and cherry tea mixes."

The group began the campaign last year. According to Heideman, they did not expect such an overwhelming response.

"Last year we sold out in two hours," Heideman said. "So this year we decided to take orders via e-mail."

The group, made up of 10 nutrition majors, used the money earned to cover travel expenses to conventions and speakers throughout the Midwest. Outside of the classroom, these experiences allowed for a new learning environment.

"Our mission is to educate the group on different options out there with a nutrition major," Heideman said.

Another goal of the organization was to provide members with employment opportunities. Networking within the field, the groups provided students with information on jobs and internships.

Attending conventions and speakers enabled students to establish connections, assisting in the search for an internship or job after graduation. The Dietetic Association helped educate its members, but also allowed them the opportunities to share this knowledge with the community.



### Pi Omega Pi

**Front Row:** Jennifer Hardison, Melissa Schram and Lesley Hostette. **Back Row:** Nancy Zelif, Denise Sump and Kelli Rowlands.



### Psychology/ Sociology

**Front Row:** Lori White, Carrie Artman and Tamara Wallace. **Back Row:** Laura Merz, Suzanne Von Behern, Carol Claflin, Katie Malloy and Jill Citta.



While pouring just the right amount of ingredients into the jar, Karina Godsey converses with Elaine Dotson. The Northwest Student Dietetic Association raised money for their national conventions by selling drink mixes. photo by Brett Stewart



### Pi Beta Alpha

**Front Row:** Keri Fairchild Jennifer Grefkow, Megan McLaughlin, Katie Burns, Brooke Hansen, Michelle Rasa and Brooke Klotz. **Back Row:** Ryan Miller, John Ohlberg, Alisa Schieber, Jessica Drafahl, Stephanie Mason and Patrick McLaughlin.

### Psi Chi

**Front Row:** Suzanne Von Behren, Carrie Artman and Jill Citta. **Back Row:** Jenna Johnson, Lori White, Laura Merz, Jayna Vaccaro, Tamara Wallace and Carol Clafin.





## College Republicans ▼

**Front Row:** Greg Smith, Adam Young, Jeremy Johnson and Heidi Fuelling **Back Row:** Matt Borch, Ryan Bauer, Joel Otte and Clinton Sattavelu



## ROTC

**Front Row:** Seth Reimers, Julie Kirkpatrick, Ron Jackson, Ryene Jennings and Ryan Gilbert. **Back Row:** Mike Behrens, Jared Britz and Nick Soapes.



## Public Relations Student Society of America

**Front Row:** Lisa Sychra, Kristen Lundgren and Derek McDermott. **Back Row:** Tami Sychra, Ann Brady, Elizabeth Crownover, Mary Beth Russell and Paul Crandon.



by Betsy Lee

# Right to address difficult issues through skits

Underneath the table, a hand slid in her direction coming to rest awkwardly on her knee. With a quick movement and a stunning comeback, she removed herself from the situation and exited stage left.

On the stage of Mary Linn Performing Arts Center, members of RIGHTS acted out scenarios that students might have to face. "Sexual Assault 101" was a series of skits designed to raise awareness on varying degrees of sexual assault and harassment.

"It catches people's attention because it starts out really light and humorous and it gets progressively more serious," Erin Blocker said. "If people have been sexually assaulted, or they know someone who has, it hits them a lot harder. The last few skits are extremely serious and touching."

The mission of RIGHTS was to educate the public and campus on how to practice safe sex and handle sexual assault. The organization's 40 members met twice monthly to organize events and discuss how to raise public awareness of the issues. Students enjoyed the organization because of its unique message.

"I joined RIGHTS because it was a lot different than other community service groups," Blocker said. "It focuses on something a lot of people don't want to talk about, so it was much more of a challenge."

Sexual assault was a difficult topic to discuss within the college community. RIGHTS dealt with the issue by creating an informative production providing the public with information that many other groups were uncomfortable with.

## Radio-Television News Directors of America

**Front Row:** Melissa Aldrete, Leah Ault, Kerry Finnegan, Kim Ernst, Allisha Moss, Jessi Jacobs and Sara Magnus. **Back Row:** William Murphy, Sarah Swedberg, Reggie Smith, Josh Murphy, Kelly Relp, Ron Smith, Bill Felps, Mark Warren and Daniel Dozar.



## Residence Hall Association

**Front Row:** Jayna Vaccaro, Paul Klate, Whitney Hollinger and Cindy Poindexter. **Row 2:** Tiffany Pate, Jessica Clausen, Carrie Iverson, Rachel Johns, Jodie Hitz, Becky Gibson and Ashley Lawson. **Row 3:** Stephanie Hastings, Faheema Collins, Keri Williams, Noelle Jagger, Laura Kozel, Buffy Strong, Kitty Nixon, Luke Leedom and Jessica Engelman. **Row 4:** Becci Reinig, Evie Baxter, Tracy Leigh Huffman, Amber Degner, Kim Rogers, Amber Bain, Marcella Trujillo, Piper Gibson and Taylor Harness. **Back Row:** Wendy Kay, Sarah Swedberg, Abby Galbraith, Kaylyn Lakebrink, Renee Wicker, Nicole Strong, Justin Corbett and Molly Case.



With a sly smile, Erin Blocker grabs Steve Shaw's hand and delivers a witty line to the audience to ward off Shaw's sexual assault as Kristy Berry and Scott Rivera watch the spectacle. This was the third year that "Sexual Assault 101" was put on by RIGHTS. photo by Michaela Kanger



## Sigma Kappa active

**Front Row:** Becca Finocchio, Kristen Huster, Amy N Carter, Debbie Bacon, Laura Merz, Anne Liebhart, Jessi Nower and Jodi Coles **Row 2:** Christina Beck, Jill Awtry, Keely Burns, Jenny Brunker, Molly Miller, Lindsay Washam, Amy Milligan, Jamie Dowd, Megan Thole, Jenny Zebley, Stephanie Spencer and Jamie Albright. **Back Row:** Kristin Russell, Karen Knight, Kyla Foraker, Tracy Carkeek, Kelly Relph, Lacie King, Kiley Nissen and Tiffany Burnes.



## Sigma Kappa new members

**Front Row:** Kelly Hucke, Jessica Schuler and Sarah Swedberg. **Row 2:** Tessa West, Kiley Willis, Sarah Cole, Jamie Roberts, Jackie Palmer, Cathy Fleming, Sarah Bolinger and Jessi Carter **Row 3:** Katie Johnson, Sherry Bowen, Ashley Lamb, Stephanie Doolittle, Janell Aitken, Rachael Weller, Allison Vranek, Jessica McCunn, Laura Spiegel, Jennifer Mains, Marissa Couture and Elizabeth Varnon. **Back Row:** Darcy Kline, Loni Amen, Desiree Campbell, Jenny Burch, Megan Klawuhn, Megan Downs, Tiffany Lippincott, Hillary Gates, Hanna Mitchell, Danielle Vivona, Liz Vostrez, Sarah Hitschler and Kelly Kirkpatrick.



by Betsy Lee

# Void fills after half century of silence

**T**wenty-three bows hovered in the air preparing for the first note a Northwest String Orchestra would perform in half a century.

On Dec. 2, the orchestra performed its holiday concert. The event, conducted by Cheryl Cornell, filled a gap that had existed within the music department.

"We started the orchestra for the music education majors," Cornell said. "Students were graduating from Northwest as music education majors and they might have to direct an orchestra, which they had no experience with."

According to Cornell, participation gave the students orchestral experience that could be needed in the future. The orchestra was offered as a one credit hour class, and students met one and a half hours each week. Out of the 23 players, 17 were enrolled. Auditions were held, but players of all levels and backgrounds were accepted.

"The orchestra has really exceeded our expectations," Cornell said. "Most of these students are non-music majors or minors. They've been playing together for two semesters and they've really evolved into a team."

The orchestra started practicing in the spring of 2001, but they had not yet officially performed. For violinist Emily Burdick, the addition of the string orchestra could not have come too soon.

"I'm a junior, so for two years I had quit playing," Burdick said. "After those two years I realized how much I missed it. Being in the string orchestra has really fulfilled my need for music."

When the conductor dropped her hands, the final melody still resonated through the golden-hued instruments. Finally, the void had been filled with the talents of 23 students after 50 years of silence.

Conductor Al Sergel directs his clarinet section as the Wind Symphony performs the piece "Hands of Mercy" by Julie Giroux. Similar to students in the Wind Symphony, those in String Orchestra performed music from a variety of composers such as William Hofeldt and Gustav Holst. photo by Amanda Byler







## Sigma Alpha Iota

**Front row:** Carrie Shuck, Libby Whittle, Amanda Miller, Sara Sampson, Sarah Comfort, Rachel Nichols and Tracy Ward. **Row 2:** Jill Ebmeier, Gretchen Engle, Sarah McCurdy, Jamie Deao, Mary Crites, Ebony DePeralta and Sarah Meyer. **Back Row:** Erin McKillip, Amanda Backenstoss, Megan Allbaugh, Samantha Hildreth, Elizabeth Walters, Jessica Smith, Sabrina Nemyer, Marsha Smith and Elizabeth Crow.

## Sigma Alpha

**Front Row:** Beth Schalk, Chrissy Cuminala, Nicole Menefee, Tarryn Dicke, Carrie Sullivan, Heather LaShell, Jamie Haidisiak, Katie Jacobs, Amy Sullivan and McKinzie Pendleton. **Row 2:** Jennifer Alden, Heidi Fuelling, Laura Rotterman, Jackie Juhl, Ashley Hickman, Beth Schimming, Cara Wiese and Jennifer Cooper. **Back Row:** Lori Fordyce, Kristen Rhodes, Kellie Blume, Shannon Shineman, Lacy Friedrich, Beth Lilly, Anna Nabors and Christy Hocker.



**Cellists Michael Schult** and Danny Thurber perform Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart's "Divertimento 1." The Northwest String Orchestra performed in Mary Linn Performing Arts Center Dec. 2. photo by Amanda Byler

Silence fills the night as members of Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority take part in the "Thirteen and Out for Stephen" silent walk. Participants walked from the Conference Center to the Water Pavilion. *photo by Melissa Calkins*



### Sigma Phi Epsilon new members

**Front Row:** Aaron Beatty, Anthony Hall, Sammy Panettiere, Jeremy Dulle, Craig Mackin, Aaron Wiebe and Leon Harden. **Back Row:** Monte Bonin, Sean Rogers, Ryan Owens, Ryan Hamilton, Trenton Baier, Edwin Vega, Matt Hawkins and Chad Heuton.



### Sigma Pi Sigma

**Front Row:** Rebecca Schelp, Laura Kozel, Laura Pearl, Christy Crownover and Kristin Helmink. **Back Row:** Amy Abplanalp, Misty Durham, Ryan Hamilton, Theresa Chiodini, Brian Dorn, Kevin Schlomer and Michelle Eischeid.



### Sigma Sigma Sigma active

**Front Row:** Sherry Pfaffly, Terry Pfaffly, Carissa Kalkbrenner, Corinne Moszczynski, Adrienne Gevens, Bridget Divis and Tiffany Barmann. **Row 2:** Cassia Kite, Mindy Huffman, Charity Richardson, Allison Clevenger, Kari Douglas, Katherine Phillips, Melanie Blando, Rebecca Pugh and Beth Reuter. **Row 3:** Crystal Cole, Emily Craven, Stacey Eichhorn, Kristen Watson, Kelly Nicholson, Lindsay Lund, Jessica McKenzie, Stephanie Hon, Kelly Gardner, Brandi Collins and Danielle Patee-Merrill. **Row 4:** Lisa Josephsen, Briann Oxford, Kelly Dornan, Stephanie Anello, Jill Boeshart, Erica Myers, Ali Eilers, Faline Rickerson, Stephanie Geiss, Sarah Colter, Emily Cardwell and Alexis Hart. **Back Row:** Katie Lynch, Laura Meek, Stephanie Meints, Arren Connot, Lauren Schaefer, Amy Lockard, Cara Thomson, Lisa Brumm, Jami Willenborg, Alisha Ahren and Jodi Victor.





# Silent walk remembers two women

huffling footsteps echoed through the streets of campus as more than 150 people walked in candle lit silence; words were not needed to speak out for Stephanie.

Peggy and Gene Schmidt lost their daughter Stephanie, a member of Pittsburg State University's Sigma Sigma Sigma sorority in Pittsburg, Kansas, to a violent crime. To increase awareness of domestic violence, the couple founded the "Speak out for Stephanie" silent walk. They traveled to various universities sharing Stephanie's story in order to make a difference in domestic violence statistics. The Schmidts said if one person's life was saved due to awareness, the silent walk spoke in thousands of words.

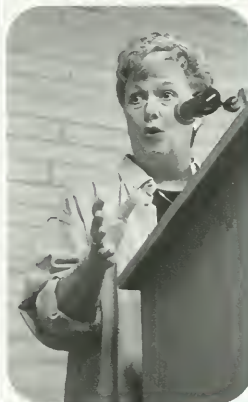
The S.O.S. walk began at Northwest in 1995 after student and Sigma Sigma Sigma member, Karen Hawkins, was raped and murdered by an acquaintance. The Alpha Epsilon chapter of Sigma Sigma Sigma hosted the S.O.S. silent walk as an annual event and focused on recognition and awareness of this violence.

"S.O.S. means a lot to the sorority," Heidi Floersch, S.O.S. chairman, said. "The Schmidts have become good friends to us and we want to help in any way that we can."

A somber and intense silence spoke volumes, leaving an impression on the Northwest community. Through the Schmidt's story, others were informed of the effects of domestic violence, hoping to save one more life.

## Sigma Phi Epsilon active

**Front Row:** Jeremy Mathis, Brandon Banks, Eric Miller and Adam Stephens. **Row 2:** Jon Dothage, Doug Quisenberry, Sean Dugan, Steven Mullins, Brian Dugan, Seth Tapp and Adam Otte. **Row 3:** Tim Elder, Chase Johnson, Mike Gerdes, Scott Nielson, Dallas Archer, Jamie Buchmeier and Mike Neilson. **Back Row:** Danny Harding, Sean Clarke, Cliff Owings, Brennan Lehman, Ryan Humar, Adam Hennessy, Brett Graves and Michael Hickman.



Co-founder of the "Speak Out for Stephanie" silent walk, Peggy Schmidt Stephanie's mother, speaks to students about violence. Peggy was also joined by other S.O.S. cofounders husband Gene and daughter Jennifer. photo by Melissa Galitz



## Sigma Sigma Sigma new members

**Front Row:** Amelia Helberg, Kayla Richter, Sara Shepherd, Jill Webster, Clarissa Palmer, Kathryn Hamilton, Kayla Schuster and Katie Shaffer. **Row 2:** Tiffany Sullivan, Megan Peterson, Krystle McCarthy, Reba Korthanke, Kecia Williams, Michelle Medaris, Lindsey Wilmshorst, Florence Mancuso, Terra Dale, and Jaime Woolard. **Row 3:** MacKenzie Brauer, Lindsey Jewell, Ashley Merrick, Jena Hansen, Maggie Passig and Tami King. **Back Row:** Jordan Starr, Nancy Kimsey, Amanda Enochs, Meggie McConnell, Nicole Goldstein, Carolyn Tidd, Barbie Bishop, Melissa Wilke and Cecilee Diamond.



After the initial setup, Evie Baxter loads her plate with stuffing in the South Complex Conference Room. The Thanksgiving dinner Nov. 15 was organized by the South Complex Hall Council. *photo by Amanda Byler*



#### ◀ Sigma Tau Delta

**Front Row:** Laura Pearl, Heidi Baker, Chanda Funston, Michaela Hand and Marianne Meinke. **Back Row:** Jamie Van Horn, Keri Williams, Matthew Pearl, Kristy Berry, Janelle McMullen and Sam Farr.



#### Student Advisory Council

**Front Row:** Tabitha Simpson, Mario Porras and Precious Tillman. **Back Row:** Janeris Gutierrez, Eva Hart, Peggy Stroborg and Lori Meyer.



#### South Complex Hall Council

**Front Row:** Evie Baxter, Kenneth Crowder and Janson Thomas. **Back Row:** Ryan Bauer, Derick Ackerman, Julia Kitzing, Amber Williams and Lee Butterfield.

# Turkey dinner brings students to the table

The turkey was selected with care and surrounded by a heaping pile of mashed potatoes; the entire meal covered with thick, steaming gravy. It was the food that brought students to the table, but it was the camaraderie that kept them there.

Organized by South Complex Hall Council, the Thanksgiving dinner was designed to bring students to the table for free food and friendship.

"The goal of the council is to make a community out of where we live," Council President Amber Williams said. "I really enjoy making the best out of where I live."

To help put together the feast and bring the residents together, ARAMARK, the on-campus catering service, was called to assist. They prepared the main courses while hall council members picked out the pies and drinks at Wal-Mart.

Residents chose to attend the event for a variety of reasons. While some came for a study break, most attended to take advantage of the free meal.

"Honestly came for the free food," Kim Hennings said. "The dinner really got me excited for Thanksgiving dinner at my home."

The hall council put on many events to emphasize family within the residence hall. Movie and bowling nights and a spook house were just some of the events planned.

"They hosted the spook house in Douglas [Hall]," Julian Kussman said. "I had never really felt like I was a part of the hall until then. I helped out with the house, and then I started going to the meetings. Now I'm in charge of advertising and recruitment."

With the goal of getting people involved, the South Complex Hall Council put a great deal of work and time into creating a sense of closeness among residents. The events gave students a break from the everyday stress of college life by giving them a chance to interact with fellow residents.



As the guests start to arrive, Lee Butterfield prepares the pumpkin pie. Butterfield was a first year member of the South Complex Hall Council. photo by Amanda Byler



## Student Missouri State Teachers Association

**Front Row:** Kelsi Bogdansk, Katherine Strauch, Kathy Mulnik, Ashlee James and Jamie Ross.  
**Row 2:** Bridget Shields, Amy Carr, Amber Williams, Kara Propps, Michaela Hand, Emily Hackman, Yolanda Mackey, Mary Mast and Stephanie Landers. **Back Row:** Gwen Nickolaion, Nicole Getz, Julie Main, Kellie Blume, Kaylyn Lakebrink, Nathanael Schmitz, Jeannie Schaffer, Natalie Alden, Marissa Couture, Jamie Swan and Heather Wrisinger.

## Sigma Society

**Front Row:** Katherine Strauch, Brooke Gerhart, Nicole Mortensen, Elli Christensen, Jennifer Scott, Maren Hoegh, Jana Kimball, Allisha Moss and Jenna Johnson. **Row 2:** Kelly Herrick, Cayla Blunk, Sarah Beggs, Betsy Burgess, Natalie Schwartz, Catrina Pelton, Shelly Guhde, Lori White, Sara Magnus, Amanda Moser and Amanda Scott. **Row 3:** Katie Waigand, Holly Miller, Cathy McCaughlin, Shannon Meister, Andrea Schnetzler, Kristin Hilger, Melissa Drydale and Wendy Evans. **Back Row:** Jen Harrison, Jessica Corbett, Brooke Belding, Machel Snow, Michelle Harris, Jennifer Zwiegel, Sabrina Marquess and Nikki Mullins.







Prior to giving feedback, Marlina Howe and Logan Lightfoot concentrate on reading selected articles. Members of the Team Leadership met biweekly for activities that the executive board developed. *photo by Christina Campobasso*

by Betsy Lee

# Pictures create feelings among leaders

Heat pouring in from the ceiling vents was the only sound in the lecture hall. Students moved silently from station to station viewing unsettling pictures and reading controversial documents. One story was about a homosexual priest being murdered; another gave statistics on how many children lived in single parent homes.

At the Dec. 6 Team Leadership meeting, members were asked to view pictures or read stories designed to have an intense impact upon the reader. At each station, the organization's members wrote how the document affected them, then discussed their reactions with the group.

"This exercise is about taking a stand for what you believe in," Jayna Vaccaro, executive board member, said. "We realize that there will be diverse reactions to the documents. However, this exercise is about deciding which reactions are important enough for you to take a stand for."

Standing up for personal beliefs was just one of the skills encouraged by Team Leadership. The group of 25 members met biweekly with the mission of building leadership skills through peer education. At each meeting, one of the 12 members of the executive board was in charge of developing an activity.

"Each member of the executive board comes up with a leadership activity to present and discuss," Marlina Howe said. "Throughout the year, each person on the board takes the leadership position by taking charge of the group."

In addition to working to promote leadership within their group, members gave back to the community.

"On Martin Luther King Jr. Day we have a day of service," Mary Harriott said. "We cleaned elderly persons homes. Seeing their response, the looks on their faces, was the most rewarding thing I have done with this organization."

While they worked within the community sharing their leadership skills, members also sought to include students by organizing a leadership conference in February.

Activities helped members promote leadership skills. Through conferences and volunteer work, Team Leadership strove to make a difference on campus and in the community.



## Team Leadership

**Front Row:** Kara Karssen, Jayna Vaccaro, Stacie McLaughlin, Traci Thierolf, Kristen Huster and Ricci Miller.  
**Row 2:** Adam Stephens, Ryan Miller, Wendy Kay, Cindy Poindexter, Ebony DePeratta, Hernandez Hicks, Logan Lightfoot and Tyrone Bates.  
**Back Row:** Michael Robertson, Scott Nielson, Brett Grave and Justin Corbett.



## University Players ▼

**Front Row:** Rachel Vierck, Melissa Ough, Dyann Varnes, Amanda Backenstoss and Jen Downey. **Back Row:** Reid Kirchhoff, Amanda Mallott, Lindsay Morrison, Alicia Evans, Lindsay Crump and Daniel Ayers.



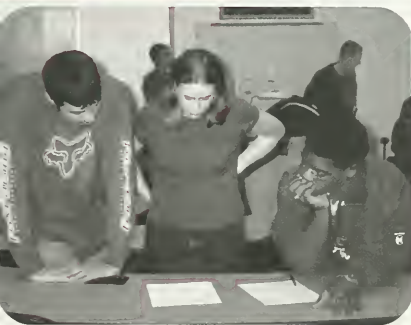
## Tower Yearbook ▼

**Front Row:** Laura Widmer, Michaela Kanger, Lindsay Crump, Amanda Byler and Stephanie Brown. **Row 2:** Jill Johnson, Jill Robinson, Christina Campobasso, Tony Choi and Melissa Breazile. **Row 3:** Jennifer Louk, Melissa Galitz, Chris Bolinger, Cody Snapp and Marissa Messer. **Back Row:** Brett Stewart, Tom Roberson and Josh Flaharty.

## United States

### Institute for Theater Technology ▼

**Front Row:** Jason Daunter, Amy Kunkelman, Brandon Thrasher, Amanda Backenstoss and Lindsay Crump. **Back Row:** Brooks Schroeder, Dave Larson, Daniel Ayers and Jessica Lambert.



While reading the article about divorce rates affecting children, Adam Stephens, Mary Harriott and Hernandez Hicks all form their own opinions. The students wrote down their reactions anonymously and discussed the results as a group. photo by Christina Campobasso

## Young Democrats ▼

**Front Row:** Jason Grandstaff, John Stacey and Thomas Sanchez. **Back Row:** Jessica Lambert, Kevin Buterbaugh, Matthew Staub and Janson Thomas.



## Tau Phi Upsilon

**Front Row:** Kara Degase, Andrea Croskey, Andrea McNeil, Melissa Barry, Karen Beeny, Kortni Norgart, Alysha Keith and Amanda Shaffer **Row 2:** Rebecca Carhill, Andrea Parker, Cindy Roberts, Virginia Herbert, Sarah Winecoff, Katherine Leach, Amysue Glasz, Amy Rasmussen, Lanea Norton and Emily Murr.

**Back Row:** Callie Coleman, Tari Elder, Joanne Hunziger, Katie Lechner, Danielle Schertz, Stacey Salazar, Tegan Mullins, Jennifer Easton, Carrie Gerken and Erin Frederick.



## Student Senate

**Front Row:** Heather Berry, Nicole Chrum, Jordan Orsheln, Ashley Nuss, Terry Pfaffly, Tamara Wallace, Amy Kern and Jen Seaman. **Row 2:** Andrew Saeger, Amy Carr, Melissa Giza, Alicia Shirk, Kara Karssen, Tiffany Barmann, Stacie McLaughlin, Logan Lightfoot, Hernandez Hicks, Traci Thierolf, Enza Solano and Joy Hayes. **Row 3:** Taylor Tholen, Luke Leedom, Lauralyn Sullivan, Shannon Meister, Laura Seck, Dan Ayala, Shenaz Abreo, Emily Dix, John Lakebrink, Daniel Ayers, Stacey Oxley, Allison Moss and Carol Cowles. **Back Row:** Nick Waldo, Jeannie Shaffer, Sarah Swedberg, Lindsay Niemeyer, Adam Eimer, Andrew Roth, Ryan Bauer, Janson Thomas, Corey Neill, Brian Ripley, Mark Partise and Robert Dewhirst.

As the Tower Choir performs at the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center, Daniel Baker sings his solo for the audience. The Tower Choir was sponsored by Stephen Town. photo by University photographer Darren Whitley





# Notes of musical talent blend together

**M**usic resonated through the auditorium. The sound was a combination of talent and hard work, but also a blend of voices that understood a team concept.

One of the 13 vocal and instrumental groups in the music department, Tower Choir offered music and non-music majors an opportunity to continue singing throughout college. Ralph Hartzell formed the choir decades ago as a 1 credit hour course that would teach students how to read and perform choral literature. Inside this learning environment, a close-knit family of musicians was formed.

"I got to make great music with really great friends," Tracy Ward said. "Usually we all talk before and after class. When we have concerts we get together and invite everyone to a house afterward."

The excitement of performing in front of an audience served as an opportunity for the students. Participation in Tower Choir was by audition, and once selected, students began rehearsals in preparation for scheduled performances.

Planned events included tours in the Kansas City metropolitan area, Nebraska and Iowa. The group also traveled to churches and schools to sing. A three-day tour with 10 performances in Kansas City, Mo., was the major event of the trimester. Occasionally, Tower Choir sang closer to home.

"A few times we have gotten to perform in Conception Abbey," Ward said. "It has great acoustics, it just sounds so beautiful in there. Performing there was one of the best experiences with the choir."

Practicing one hour a day, students sang together for academic credit, to fulfill scholarship requirements or build a sense of community. The idea of unity not only created a group of friends, but further strengthened the music that was projected to audiences in every performance.

## Tau Kappa Epsilon active

**Front Row:** Brian Carroll, Chris Holden, Justin Marriott, Ryan Marriott, Jake Akehurst, Shane Foust and Jeremiah Shultz. **Row 2:** Matthew Payne, Brent Steffens, Michael Welch, Todd Parker, Tony Ramirez, Kyle Hudson and Michael Summins. **Row 3:** Rusty Ruble, Ricky Boedeker, Miles Lutterbie, Adam Zolnoski, Dusty Rhodes, Nathan Welch and Mathew Bev. **Back Row:** Chad Gamblin, Jamie Liehr, Scott Trotter and Wayne Hull.



## Tau Kappa Epsilon new members

**Front Row:** Kyle Lynch, Jeff Reid, Ross Crouch, Taft Burnes and Brian Duerling. **Back Row:** Greg Morales, Joseph Weinstein, Shane Compton and Keinon Perkins.



## Student Ambassadors

**Front Row:** Scott Nielson, Matt Severt, Carissa Kalkbrenner, Katherine Phillips, Tiffany Barmann, Alane Dotson, Logan Lightfoot and Keri Stangl. **Back Row:** Nathan Leopard, Lisa Sychra, Mary Beth Russell, Jessica Miesner, Emily Dix, Katy Graber, Corinne Moszczynski, Jessica Clausen, Allison Clevenger and Adam McLaughlin.







## Move

Sweat, adrenaline, the exhilaration of victory and the frustration of defeat; the many emotions surrounding Northwest athletics created a facet of college that was unmatched.

Moments of success and disappointment created memories in the minds of athletes and fans. To the athletes, the months of preparation for one final play or race was a concept few could comprehend.

Injuries and inexperience plagued many teams in the quest for perfection. Despite the struggles, there was opportunity to shine. Young players gained valuable playing time while teammates recovered from ailments. Friendships propelled teams to accomplish their goals despite obstacles.

The team concept prevailed. But the desire for athletic achievement was not limited to varsity athletes; students all over campus were participating in sports to quench their competitive thirst.

Outlets such as student bowling leagues and new additions to the Mazingo Activity Course were alternative options in the quest for physical fitness. Aerobics classes were also new ways to build muscle as well as friendships.

Northwest sports offered a chance to play together. It did not matter if it was from the stands or on the court, the experience provided excitement and emotions that united campus and community.

Our athletes played hard. Bottom line, our school spirit stemmed from their efforts, victories and defeats. The awe of athleticism inspired many. Whether it was our teams or those that supported them, Northwest sports provided a playing field where everyone could come together in an expression of Bearcat pride.

According to the official rules of baseball, no umpire may be replaced during a game unless he is injured or becomes ill.

Volleyball was invented by William George Morgan of Holyoke, Massachusetts in 1895.

The huddle formation used by football teams originated at Gallaudet University, a liberal arts college for deaf people in Washington, D.C., to prevent other schools from reading their sign language.



In celebration, Bobby football sparks another outburst from the crowd. In the last home game of the season, Northwest Iowa Emporia State University 14-3. photo by Amanda Byler

A perfect game in baseball is one in which the same player pitches the entire game without allowing any player of the opposing team to reach first base.

In 1891, James Naismith, a physical education instructor, invented the game of basketball.

A soccer ball is made up of 32 leather panels held together by 642 stitches.

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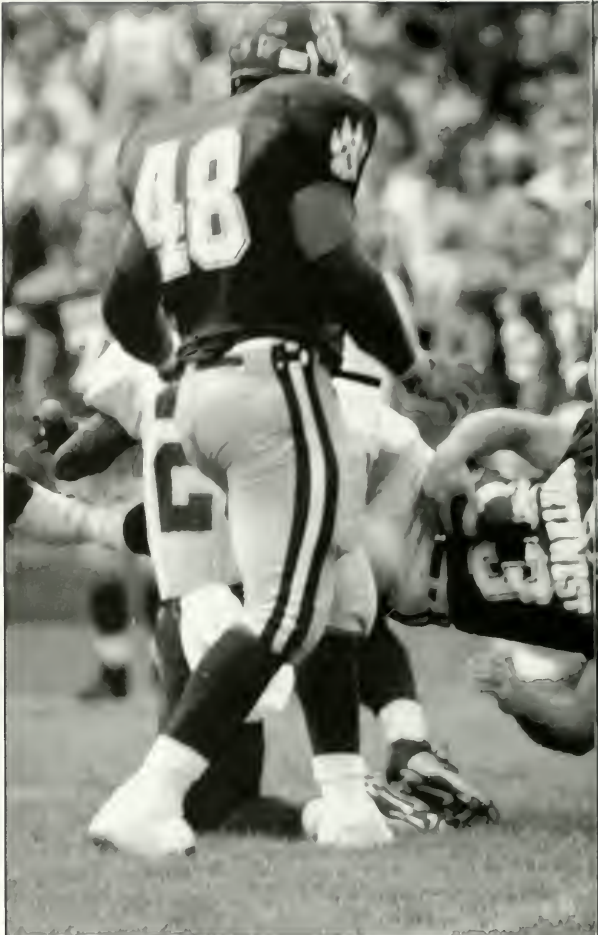
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After a win over Minnesota State-Mankato, head coach Mike Tjerdema talks to the players on the field at Rockbrooke Stadium. It was a tradition for the team to take a knee and listen to Tjerdema after the game. photo by Michaela Kanger



After his touchdown, running back Ryan Hackett celebrates with center Curt Lessman. The Bearcats went on to win against Emporia State University 44-3. photo by Shane McAsey



Fall

Football

Scores

University of Nebraska-Omaha 21-24

Minnesota State-Mankato 36-19

University of Missouri-Rolla 49-0

Southwest Baptist University 52-10

Washburn University 52-17

Missouri Southern State College 38-3

Pittsburg State University 35-31

Truman State University 23-24

Central Missouri State University 36-37

Missouri Western State College 30-37

Emporia State University 44-3

Overall Record 7-4





by Mandy Lauck

# Tackling a Tough Season Schedule

## Losses in the final moments of competition end a season of victories

Fourteen seniors led the Bearcats to a 7-4 record starting the season with the same goal they had every year, to win the MIAA Championship.

"We didn't get our No. 1 goal accomplished," head coach Mel Tjeerdsma, said. "Now we need to reevaluate what we didn't do successfully."

The Bearcats started off traveling to the University of Nebraska-Omaha. Despite the Mavericks' 24-21 victory, Northwest regained momentum at home.

At the home opener, Northwest rolled over Minnesota State-Mankato, 36-19. Running back Geromy Scaggs rushed for 100 yards and two touchdowns. After the win, the next challenge was to prepare for MIAA opponents.

"Going into conference games, we prepare the same way we do for every game," running back Adam Otte said. "But in a conference game, there's that added incentive to win."

Conference play began against University of Missouri-Rolla. T.J. Mandl passed for 311 yards and three touchdowns contributing to the 49-0 victory. The winning streak continued at home in the next match up.

Trampling Southwest Baptist University 52-10, Jamaica Rector contributed with his third 100-yard reception in four games and nine catches for 155 yards and one touchdown.

A defensive force pitched a second-half shutout to help in the win over Washburn University 52-17.

Northwest's 40<sup>th</sup> straight MIAA victory came against Missouri Southern State College, 38-3. The offense completed 560 yards on the day. To face their next opponent, Northwest traveled to Pittsburg, Kan.


In a close game over Pittsburg State University, the 'Cats squeaked by a 35-31 win. Scaggs rushed for a 1-yard touchdown that won the

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-Mel Tjeerdsma



The Southwest Baptist University defense tackles running back Ryan T. Tucker in the attempt to gain a couple more yards. Tucker rushed a total of 630 yards for the season, the most yards rushed on the team. photo by Amanda Byler

**Front Row:** Todd Wessel, Chad Bostwick, Jason Chinn, Pat Jordan, Bart Hardy, Adam Otte, Morris White, Joel Johnson, Darryl Ridley, Jonathon Kegler, Chad Sabatka, Joel Mathews, Vince Buie and Geromy Scaggs. **Row 2:** Ryan Miller, B.J. Sobczyk, Micah Mullenix, Gabe Middleton, Andre Rector, Jamaica Rector, Andy Hampton, Ryan Hackett, Sean Shafer, Tony Sly, Johnny Johnson, Dan Becker, Kelly Williams, Pat Whitte and Dan Saisbury. **Row 3:** Jeff Meyer, Andy Scheinder, JD Tatum, Bart Tatum, Travis Miles, JR Hill, Jim Svoboda, Mel Tjeerdsma, Scott Bostwick, Kenny Gordon, Charlie Pugh, Will Wagner, Wes Simmonds, Andy Erpelting, Jon Gustafson and Thad Dean. **Row 4:** Marcellis Casey, Jeff Netolicky, Frank Taylor, Brandon Tyler, Darren Roberts, Josh Lamberson, Philip Seemann, Marcel Smith, Brian Schertz, Tony Warren, John Edmonds, Adam Crowe, Grant Sutton and Nick Glasnapp. **Row 5:** Ryan Bowers, Kenny Davis, David Hamblin, Jared Finley, Russ Wiederholt, Justin Lacy, Mike Nanninga, Adam Young, Steve Morrison, Jordan Wilcox, Heath Finch, John Otte, Mark Stewart and Maurice Douglas. **Row 6:** Brandon Rogers, Matt Johnson, Travis Jackson, Brian Dries, LaVar Williams, Reid Blanche, Mike Tiehen, TJ Mandl, Jon Adkins, Eric Goudge, Geoff Goudge, Luke Wilson, Seth Giddings and Joe Glab. **Row 7:** Chris Burke, Mike Sunderman, Mike Novak, Raymond Fonoti, Josh Honey, Andy Creger, Justin Bowser, Brian Spale, Eric Hoyt, Ryan Knobloch, Troy Lysdahl, Chase DeMoss, Jason Yeager and Mike Goymerac. **Back Row:** Nick Tones, Danny Luellen, Kenneth Troupe, Seth Wand, Brad Schneider, Alex Tuttle, Justin Tyler, Aaron Froelich, Geoff Bolinger and Eddie Ibera

In a home game against Minnesota State-Mankato, Grant Sutton sacks Mankato's quarterback Ev in Baylis. Northwest beat Mankato 16-19. photo by Michaela Kanger



The Bearcat defense corners Minnesota State-Mankato player Andrew Shea. Bearcats Luke Wilson, Mike Nanninga and LaVar Williams tackled Shea in their first win of the season. photo by Michaela Kanger



# Tackling a Tough Season Schedule

game.

"At first, I didn't know I was in the end zone," Scaggs said. "I knew we were going to win because the offense just started clicking."

In the next three games, the team took a hard hit losing three consecutive games by a total of nine points.

The Hickory Stick went home with Truman State University in a close Homecoming game defeat. Bulldog quarterback Eric Howe rushed four yards to score the game-winning point. Shaking off the 24-23 loss, Northwest prepared for Central Missouri State University.

Ryan Hackett's fumble with 2:07 remaining gave the Mules hope. The Mules went 96 yards in nine plays to score; the extra point gave the Mules a 37-36 win. The Bearcats continued to struggle hosting rivals Missouri Western State College.

The Griffons won 37-30 in overtime showing the vulnerability of the Bearcats.

"We were disappointed with the

losses," Tjeerdsma said. "We knew two or three of those losses we could have won. I feel for the seniors."

Northwest's final 44-3 win was against Emporia State University in front of 4,000 fans. Although there was no MIAA Championship, the team wanted a final victory.

"We try to win every game, no matter what's at stake," Otte said. "But it was good to go out with a win."

To end the season, the All-MIAA football team was announced. Offensive lineman Seth Wand was unanimously named First Team Offensive.

Others to earn first team honors were lineman Curt Lessman and kicker Eddie Ibarra. Rector won the Freshman of the Year Award as well as being named First Team Offensive.

In a season of highs and lows, the team completed a schedule of final minute losses and consecutive victories. Victories and award recognition ended the tough roller coaster season.

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- Northwest has won the MIAA Conference Championship 17 times since 1924.
- Since 1931 Northwest has held the title for the most shutouts-seven.
- Offensive linemen Curt Lessman and Joe Glab were selected to play in the NCAA Division II Cactus Bowl, an all-star game played in Kingsville, Texas in January.
- Grant Sutton led the team with four sacks for the season.
- Source: MIAA 2001 Fall Sports Media Guide, [www.northwestbearcats.com](http://www.northwestbearcats.com).

The Southwest Baptist University defense tackles running back Ryan Hackett in his attempt to gain a couple more yards. Hackett rushed a total of 630 yards for the season, the most yards rushed on the team. photo by Michaela Kanger



Attacking the ball during a home game, Heidi Hottel prepares to give Central Missouri State University an unblockable spike. Hottel was a transfer student from Indian Hills Community College in Ottumwa, Iowa. *photo by Amanda Byler*

After the second game, head coach Sarah Pelster tells the team what she expects from them. Central Missouri State University was victorious in both games. *photo by Amanda Byler*



A serve received and passed with precision by Melea Zacharias sets up her teammates for a spike. Zacharia was an offensive hitter for the Bearcats with 100 digs for the season. *photo by Brett Stewart*



Fall

Volleyball

Scores

Washburn University 1-3, 3-0

Missouri Western State College 2-3, 1-3

Emporia State University 0-3, 2-3

Truman State University 0-3, 0-3

Missouri Southern State College 0-3, 1-3

Pittsburgh State University 0-3, 1-3

Southwest Baptist University 3-0, 3-2

Central Missouri State University 1-3, 0-3

Overall Record 7-23



- Pelster has had five seasons with over 20 wins with the Bearcats.
- Northwest tallied 1396 kills throughout the 2001 season.
- Lindsey Remmers had a superstition about knocking on wood.
- Beginning in 2001, all matches were played to 30 by rally scoring.
- Source: 2001 Fall Sports MEAA Media Guide and Northwest Volleyball Media Guide

by Chris Bolinger

# Caught in a Net of Setbacks

## More bumps than spikes hinder athletes throughout the season

The court cleared and the fans went home. With uniforms and knee pads put away; hopes for improvement echoed within the locker room.

Injuries plagued the volleyball team, which ended its season with a 3-13 MIAA record and 7-23 overall.

"We had a lot of injuries this year," Sarah Pelster, head volleyball coach, said. "Anything from shoulder pain to knee strains, several players were out for a long time."

Another challenge was lack of experience; seven of the 16 athletes were underclassmen. Injuries to upperclassmen allowed everyone to attain valuable playing time and an opportunity to improve.

After the statistics were tallied, the Bearcats had four hitters with over 200 spikes. Heidi Hoffert was the team's offensive leader with a .231 hitting percentage, while Megan Danek contributed 1,100 successful sets, putting her in second place on the Bearcat career assists list.

Defensively, the team depended on Lindsey Remmers, who was the conference leader in blocks with 164.

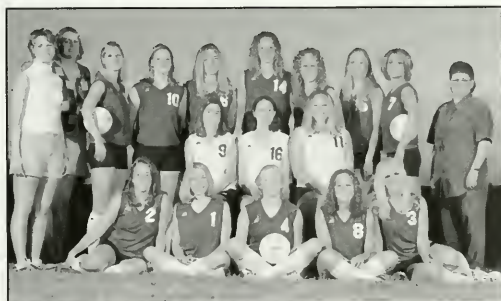
Despite a difficult season, there were rewarding victories. Pelster said the win over Washburn University helped team morale.

"We were really excited when we beat Washburn," Pelster said. "They beat us away so it was great to get revenge on our home court."

Sprinkled throughout the season, a few victories helped the team sustain motivation. Injuries and inexperience, however, proved to be large obstacles for the women.

“We were really excited when we beat Washburn, they beat us away, so it was great to get revenge on our home court”

- Sarah Pelster



**Front Row:** Kim Graham, Carrie Blevins, Terri Gerlach, Megan Danek and Carrie Johnson. **Row 2:** Julie Brophy, Molly Driettier and Krista Newman. **Back Row:** Molly Sandwell, Denise Sump, Melea Zacharias, Heidi Hoffert, Kerri Stefiens, Lindsey Remmers, Leah Day, Mariah Clark, April Rolf and head coach Sarah Pelster.

by Betsy Lee

# Miles of Memories

Team chemistry creates a season of improvements and unity resulting in friendships and top finishes

“

The way a group attacks something, the way they believe in a program, plays a big part in their success.

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- Richard Alsop

It has been described as passion and insanity; nevertheless, it was intoxicating.

The sound of feet hitting the pavement, the rolling hills of a cross country course, the simplicity of striding side-by-side with a teammate became a necessary part of everyday life.

For the cross country teams, the daily runs through Maryville were a time to grow and improve as a group.

“Our team has become like a family,” Ashley Grosse said. “We come to practice every day with new stories to share. We all know what’s going on in each other’s lives.”

Jamison Phillips said the team shared a bond that was uncommon in past years.

“We were a lot closer than last year,” Phillips said. “On weekends when we were hanging out, everybody came along.”

Richard Alsop, men’s head cross country coach, emphasized

the importance of positive team chemistry for a successful performance.

“The way a group attacks something, the way they believe in the program, plays a big part in their success,” Alsop said. “People often forget that cross country is a team sport.”

Although they were close as a team, Alsop said the men’s team had a disappointing season overall. Three of the top four runners from last year could not compete because of injuries.

Scoring 159 points, the men were sixth in the MIAA conference meet. Phillips, the top finisher for the squad, was 17th with a time of 26:17 over the 8,000-meter course.

The men’s team went on to finish eighth out of 10 teams at the regional meet, scoring 190 points.

Meet results for the women were similar to the men’s. In the conference meet, the team fin-

ished seventh with 185 points. The top female finisher was Grosse, placing 29th.

Also scoring 190 points in regionals, the women tied with Southwest Baptist University, finishing ninth out of 12 teams.

Jessica Montesano said the team progressed well throughout the season and beat teams at regionals that defeated them at earlier meets.

Vicki Wooton, head women’s coach said the team put forth a great effort throughout the season.

“There is a lot of talent with this group,” Wooton said. “They work hard and get along great.”

After completing the regional race, the runners staggered through the finish chute, gasping for air. Jogging over the flat regional course, the teams ran their final cool-down; reflecting together on the season, filled with triumphs and disappointments.

- Both teams ran six days a week for 2 hours.
- Women competed on 3.1 mile course routes until conference and regionals when the distance increased to 3.7 miles.
- Men’s head coach Richard Alsop had led the Bearcats for 25 seasons.
- The team averaged 6 miles daily for women and 10 miles for men.
- Sourc Head women’s coach Vicki Wooton, MIAA 2001 Fall Sports Media Guide.





**In the Bearcat Distance Classic,** Bryce Good and Brad Chellew lead a pack of runners through College Park. Good and Chellew finished 5th and 20th respectively. *photo by Michaela Kanger*



**After reaching the end** of the 2.65 mile course, Rachel Jenkins is helped at the side of the chute before collapsing. Jenkins finished 32nd at the Bearcat Distance Classic in September. *Photo by Michaela Kanger*

**Ashley Grosse is tailed** by a cross country runner from the University of Nebraska in Lincoln at the Bearcat Distance Classic. Grosse was the first female Bearcat into the chute with a time of 17:06.2; she finished in 16th place. *photo by Michaela Kanger*

Truman State University Ellen Wright attempts to steal the ball from Renee Judd. Northwest defeated Truman 1-0. photo by Brett Stewart



Freshman forward Heather Kolbo battles for the ball against a Truman State University opponent. Northwest finished the season with an overall record of 6-11-1. photo by Brett Stewart

In an attempt to turn the game around, Laura Hampton challenges Central Missouri State University defender Heather Crosby. The Bearcats lost to Central 5-0. photo by Amanda Byler



Fall

Soccer

Scores

Emporia State University 0-1, 2-1

Truman State University 0-3, 0-4

Missouri Southern State College 0-1, 0-4

Pittsburgh State University 3-2, 1-0, 2-5, 5-4, 1-4

University of Missouri-Rolla 0-0, 2-1

Southwest Baptist University 2-0, 4-0

Central Missouri State University 0-5, 0-3

Overall Record 6-11-1



- Jill Anderson was named Second Team All-Conference.
- Soccer had been a conference sport since 1999.
- Sarah Wallace scored the final goal of the 2001 season.
- Joann Wolf was the first head coach of Northwest women's soccer.
- The team practiced for two hours daily.
- Source: [www.northwestbearcats.com](http://www.northwestbearcats.com), 2001 Fall Sports MIAA Media Guide

by Betsy Lee

# Making Goals On and Off the Field

Athletes set standards, playing the game with focus and friendship that helped score points in the season

Spattered with mud, the back of the jersey clung to her body heavy with sweat. Muscles, tense with anticipation, prepared to connect with the ball. Glances at teammates revealed shared intensity; the objective was clear: make the goal.

Making goals was not a problem for the Northwest women's soccer team. Jill Anderson, who had the most goals for the team, was named Second Team All-Conference and Sarah Wallace received an Honorable Mention nomination.

"Our goals were spread out among many players," Coach Joann Wolf said. "Jill Anderson was our lead scorer with five goals, but after that it was spread out down the line."

With an overall record of 6-11-1, Wolf cited the last few games as the most positive for the team. The team defeated the University of Missouri-Rolla at home in double overtime Nov. 4.

"The last two games were our best because the team was on a losing streak, and for the last two, everyone on the team pulled together and won in double overtime," Katie DeHardt said.

Wolf said she was especially proud of the team for coming back from a losing streak.

"Those last two games really showed them what they could do," Wolf said. "They played with heart and they played until the whistle."

Despite the rocky season, the team united as a force during practices. It was a time for

preparation, as well as team bonding.

While spending time together as teammates and friends, the team developed several traditions. One of these was the Halloween costume practice. Team members wore Halloween apparel to practice, wearing everything from an Oscar the Grouch costume to a flasher outfit. A balance of hard work and team traditions brought the women together.

"These girls are my best friends," DeHardt said. "We couldn't have done it without all of us pulling together to get through a hard season."

As the ball swished into the netting of the goal, the teammates hugged and congratulated each other on their performance. Leaving the field for the season, the women's soccer team celebrated the accomplishment of goals on and off the field.

“Those last two games really showed them what they could do. They played with heart and they played until the whistle.”

- Joann Wolf



**Front Row:** Jenni Hayes, Nikki Damme, Kathie Leach, Katie DeHardt and Laura Hampton. **Row 2:** Gina Christianson, Jennier Gneiko, Angela Hammon, Christine Collins, Renee Judd and Keri Schweigel. **Back Row:** Emily Winter, Heather Kolbo, Joni Pustateri, Sarah Wallace, Danielle Lawless, Jill Anderson, Brandy Sonnichsen, Amy Wehrenberg, Raheema Qureshi and Kristi Pottee.



# Soundtrack of School Spirit

Members of the marching band took on the responsibility of boosting crowd support

“The crowd gets into it and we make it fun and do crazy things.”

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-Chris Thompson

Providing the soundtrack for athletic events, the Bearcat Marching Band raised school spirit and forced crowds to their feet.

Combining the musical talents of over 140 students, the marching band met everyday for one hour and 15 minutes to rehearse and perfect songs for the weekend football games.

Practices started the first day of classes in the fall. By the end of the trimester, 40-50 songs would be mastered and performed.

Participation did not require any special auditions, just a dedication to the music.

“The toughest thing is time management and fitting it in my schedule,” Chris Thompson said. “I have a part time job too, but I will do this as long as I can.”

Hours were spent practicing marching maneuvers and perfecting the overall sound. This commitment did not go without highlights through the year. Thompson said that influencing the spectators made the time and effort worth while.

“The football games are fun,” Thompson said. “The crowd gets into it and we make it fun and do crazy things.”

Playing at a Kansas City Chief's football game in the beginning of the year, a trip to Clarinda, Iowa for an exhibition performance and an early morning wake-up call the Saturday of Homecoming were among the annual events.

To compensate the efforts and time students put into the band, scholarships were offered during tryouts. Overall the musicians were there because of their love for music and the opportunities that came with being part of the Bearcat Marching Band.

“I'm glad I did this,” Kenton McDonald said. “It had its parts that weren't fun, but making new friends was a plus. Playing together was a lot of fun and going to games knowing we were doing our part.”

Hours of practice and weeks of hard work created the musical setting of athletic events. Through their efforts, Northwest school spirit had a rhythm and beat to follow.





**Facing the audience**, feature twirler Rachael Crawford performs during a football halftime show. Crawford performed a variety of twirl demonstrations at each home sporting event. *photo by Michaela Kanger*

**Drums pounding**, the marching band takes to the field before halftime. The marching band was hailed "The musical pride of Northwest." *photo by Amanda Byler*



# Colorful performances compliment music

Flanking and snapping, the material of the flags whipped around, corresponding with the precise movement of the flag corps.

Providing a visual accompaniment to the Bearcat Marching Band, the flags were an expression of Bearcat pride flowing through the music. Dedication to the improvement was essential.

Hours were spent by the flag corps preparing for field shows and parades. Practices were spent cleaning equipment and melding the flag performance with the melodies of the band.

The flag corps coordinator, Stacey Krambeck, drove the group to better themselves for each performance. "She knows how to get us to work hard, but she also knows how to make

rehearsals fun," Jamie Garrison said.

Rehearsals were key to a powerful performance. The impression left on those watching the shows was imperative to the future of the flag corps and the Bearcat Marching Band.

"When we went to Clarinda, [Iowa], we were able to show different high school bands what a college level band was like so we could recruit new members to the band and color guard next year," Ashley Johnson said.

The final game of the season found the flag corps performing at the height of their ability. Knowing that a season of hard work, fun and tradition was coming to an end; the group came together to not only perform for Northwest, but enjoy performing for themselves. Their flags a colorful compliment to the music.



Flags wave in an array of sequences as the flag corps provides entertainment for Bearcat fans. With the marching band at their side, the flag corps performed during every home game at halftime. photo by Shane McAsey

by Jill Robinson

## Mystery men behind the popular mascot

More than 500 children were in his fan club. Excitement and enthusiasm erupted, not for a movie star or sports figure, but rather a University celebrity with a certain strut and abundance of fur.

Bobby Bearcat was an important icon at sporting

**Cheerleaders support Bobby Bearcat** as he completes pushups after a Northwest touchdown against Truman State. For every point the Bearcats scored in the football season, Bobby completed a pushup. photo by Shane McAsey

and University events. Children flocked to him; students screamed at him to give them free Northwest memorabilia. Whatever the reason for attention, Bobby and the men behind the mask had one goal, increase school spirit.

Two students took on the responsibility of being Bobby Bearcat. For the men donning the mascot uniform, it was a job opportunity that created memories despite the lack of recognition.

"It's cool because really only my immediate friends know that it's me," Brandon said. "I

have a lot of memories from doing it. When we played against Southwest Baptist one year, I think we scored every 17 seconds. I almost died doing pushups."

Performing in front of fans was no easy task. The uniform was hot and stuffy, and at football games the mascots were required to do pushups after each scoring play, and lack of fan support at times could also be frustrating.

"The first time I was Bobby, I hated it," Shawn said. "It was a Northwest volleyball game and there were no kids there. I just walked around stumbling because I wasn't used to the outfit yet. People probably thought I was drunk."

Games were divided between the two men, allowing the other to rest. Each had their stories from work; a sense of power could come from being in disguise,

which made for interesting experiences.

"I got into a fight at Washburn [University]," Shawn said. "I usually don't like to get into it with other mascots, but they went to shake my hand and we started fighting. I tried to yank their head off but it didn't work."

Brandon also had mischievous moments. At a Central Missouri State University football game, he was reprimanded by their commissioner for doing wrestling moves.

The men behind Bobby held a sense of pride nobody could know about. Through sweat, humor and school spirit, Bobby was one of the most recognized figures on campus, yet nobody knew their names.



- The band members represented 103 different high schools.
- The Flag Corps had 8 different sets of flags.
- The Cheerleading team purchased their shoes from Wisconsin.
- Bobby completed 1614 push-ups during football season
- Source: Chris Andrews, Cheerleading Coach, Al Sengel, Marching Band Sponsor.



# Raising Levels of Spirit

Jennifer Louk

Exhaling deeply, preparing for a tumbling run, she broke into sprint and sprung into the air. As her hands connected with the ground, she propelled herself upward and landed gracefully on her feet.

Northwest cheerleaders spent hours practicing perfecting their gymnastic skills, in preparation for games and competitions.

"We do standing tumbling and [running] tumbling," Andrea O'Rourke said. "They are the most difficult things for me."

The squad practiced from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on a daily basis. Preparing for football and basketball games they were required to attend, cheerleaders lifted weights and worked on passes and drills.

Pyramids are the most difficult thing we do," O'Rourke said. "It takes a long time to learn them."

Time spent practicing and performing together resulted in enduring friendships. According to Kristian Starnier, the squad is very close.

"You find yourself with this group of people almost every day, and that is where many people's best friendships come from," Kristian Starnier said.

**Sunshine glistened**, off the uniforms of the Bearcat Steppers during a home football game performance. The steppers performed during the basketball season in addition to football.

photo by Michaela Kanger

Combining dance with developed cheers, the Bearcat Steppers spent hours in Martindale Gymnasium.

Steppers practiced daily and performed at all home football and basketball games. Christi Thoni said the time commitment was worth it.

"I enjoy being a Stepper because I love to dance," Thoni said. "It gives me a chance to keep in shape and have fun with the other girls on the squad."

Enjoying time with squad members, getting a good workout and providing support for other athletic teams, both the Cheerleaders and Steppers prepared for national competition. By further pushing the limits in their stunts and school spirit, these athletes lifted the crowd's excitement to another level.



With smiles beaming on their faces, the Northwest Cheerleaders perform at a home football game. Men and women spent hours practicing and lifting to prepare for national competitions. photo by Shane McAsey

# Additional athletic opportunities for women become reality

by Mandy Lauck

Many people wish they had certain things but never attain them. Megan McLaughlin was determined to achieve these aspirations.

After noticing that the sport she loved was not available at Northwest, she looked into the possibility of creating a club. After numerous steps were taken, the woman's golf club was formed.

Sponsored by Patrick McLaughlin and coached by his daughter Megan McLaughlin, the woman's golf club saw itself slowly coming together. Megan, a student at the University, first ran the idea by Assistant Athletic Director Sherri Reeves and former Athletic Director Jim Redd. McLaughlin was told that if the group received private sponsorship and had enough members, the idea could be turned into a club.

"After talking with Dr. Redd and Sherri Reeves, they told me if I could pull it together, I could have a club," Megan said. "After Dr. Redd retired, the new Athletic Director, Bob Boerighter, said he would help me in any way he could."

Finding members was Megan's next step. Word was spread around campus,

**Four out of the five members of the women's golf club** Megan McLaughlin, Becky Justice, Kelly Relph and Crystal Garner take a break from golfing. *Photo by Amanda Byler*

and when the first meeting arrived, she was surprised at the turnout.

"I was really happy with the amount of people that showed up for the first meeting," Megan said.

Ten players joined the club for the first trimester. But because the girls each had to get their own sponsorship, the club dwindled down to six players.

The players practiced at Mozingo Golf Course and hosted tournaments and triangulars. Triangulars were a match up between three different clubs.

Competition did not take away from the fun of the sport however.

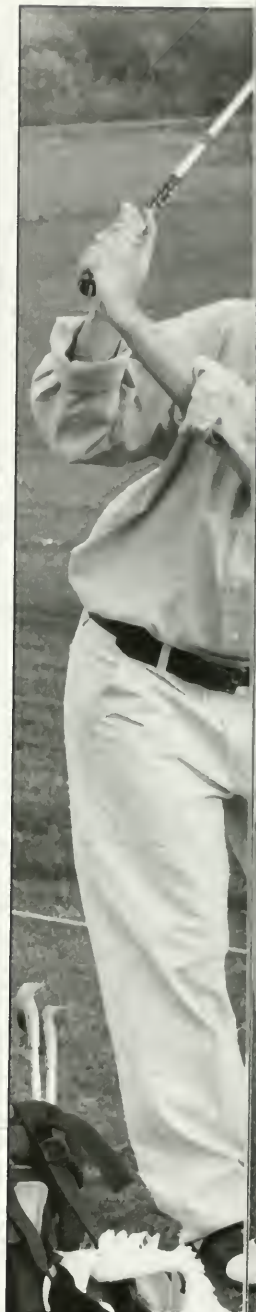
"The girls don't have any pressure on them," Megan said. "I am just happy that they came out and joined the club."

The first season for the women's golf club proved persistence, determination and having fun contributed to an idea that shaped into reality. From an interest to an organization, a new athletic addition was created.



**At the driving range,** Megan McLaughlin and Becky Justice improve their swings. The team received discounts on golf apparel from the Mozingo Pro Shop throughout their season. *photo by Brett Stewart*

**Focusing on the ball,** coach Megan McLaughlin sets up a long drive. The team often practiced at the Mozingo Golf course in preparation for tournaments. *photo by Brett Stewart*



# Driving past challenges

by Mandy Lauck



The golf club's inaugural year was filled with new experiences while they strove to meet their goals

She gripped the club as tight as she could, and with a slow and steady arm, she swung hard. Speaking in a soft voice, she mumbled to herself, "Nice shot."

Members of the newly instated women's golf club, sponsored by Patrick McLaughlin and coached by Megan McLaughlin, were thrilled with the fact that they had a hand in starting something original.

"I feel good that I joined something new at Northwest," Kelly Relph said.

The club started out the year playing in three tournaments and numerous triangulars, match ups between three different clubs. One of the bigger triangular meets they held was against Graceland University and William Jewel College at the Mozingo Golf course.

In every competition, teams entered into a qualifying round

to see who could play in the matches. The top five women on each team qualified.

"I qualified for the Graceland and William Jewel triangular and shot a 110," Justice said. "We played pretty good."

At the end of the triangular, Megan placed third and Becky Justice placed fifth out of the top five participants. Megan said the team was working hard to get better.

"All the girls got along great," Relph said. "They all have good enthusiasm and are helping to get our name out there."

With the amount of sponsorship and interest in the club, Megan said it was only going to get better.

"I'm really pleased with the way this club has turned out," Megan said. "Our club achieved all the goals I had set for the year."

- The team practiced at Mozingo Lake Golf Course
- A single golf club ranged in price from \$50-\$250.
- Honey was used in the core of many golf balls.
- The women's golf club raised \$3,000 to sponsor their activities.
- Source: [www.nwmissouri.edu](http://www.nwmissouri.edu), [www.golfnews.com](http://www.golfnews.com).



# Strike Against Usual Entertainment

## Student league offers Wednesday night social gatherings and competition

An odor of stale cigarettes and shoes that have been worn for years hung in the air and clung to the clothes; a smell found in every bowling alley greeted students who entered.

Rumbling down wooden lanes in a spinning whirl, bowling balls of all colors shattered the perfect alignment of pins. This environment was the same every Wednesday night for those involved in the Northwest student-bowling league. For \$7, students gathered to drink beer, socialize and bowl three games.

Ranging from the highly competitive to the social bowler, Bearcat Lanes played host to the coed leagues that joined. Every year, depending on the number of teams, students played for 12 weeks.

The league was an alternative to experiencing the bars or going to a movie, Deon Roush, owner of Bearcat Lanes, said.

"I designed this so university students have something to do and a place to compete," Roush said.

**Already planning his next turn,** Aaron Rihner focuses on the pins. Rihner and his team the "Brewers" won the game for the evening.

*photo by Christina Campobasso*

"We have a lot of really good bowlers participate."

Aside from the social perks, the competition interested many students as well. A handicap was implemented to even out the field and add excitement to the tournament.

"It gets pretty competitive, more so than just regular bowling because stats and running wins and losses are involved," Roush said.

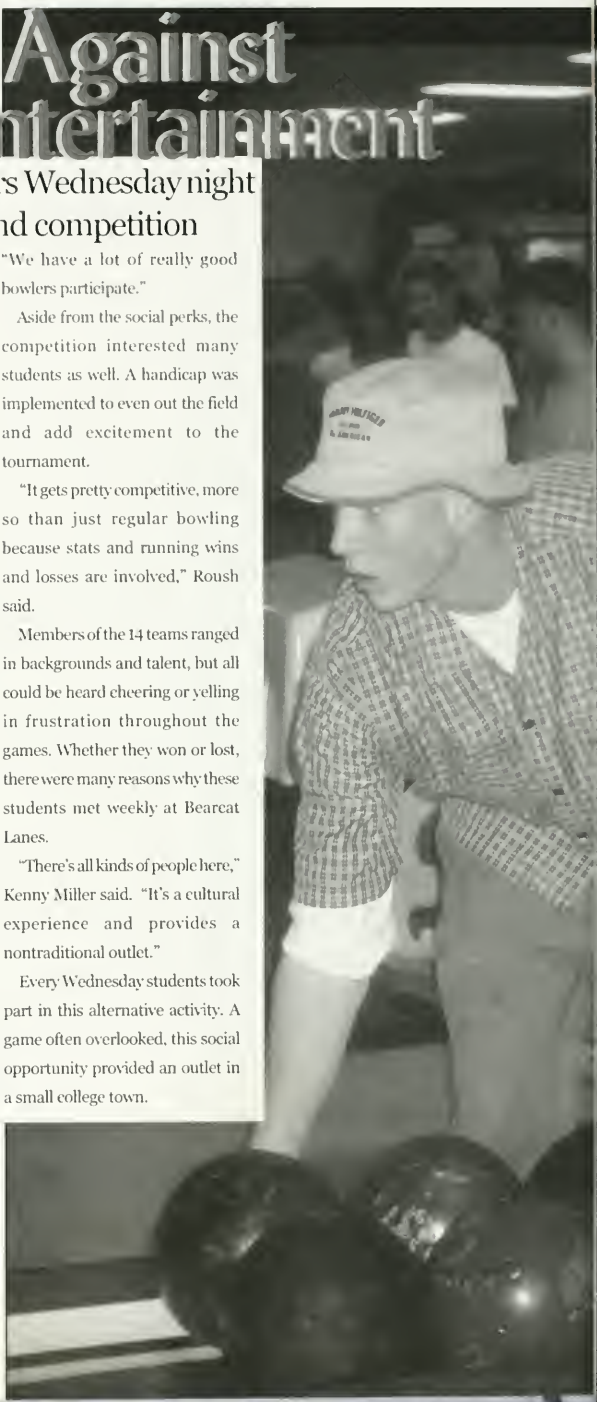
Members of the 14 teams ranged in backgrounds and talent, but all could be heard cheering or yelling in frustration throughout the games. Whether they won or lost, there were many reasons why these students met weekly at Bearcat Lanes.

"There's all kinds of people here," Kenny Miller said. "It's a cultural experience and provides a nontraditional outlet."

Every Wednesday students took part in this alternative activity. A game often overlooked, this social opportunity provided an outlet in a small college town.

“ I designed this so university students have something to do and a place to compete.”

- Deon Roush



by Betsy Lee

## Course challenges physical abilities and teamwork

Get over it. Do whatever it takes. Teams and organizations pulled together and faced obstacles such as a 52-foot wall at the Mozingo Challenge Course.

"The course is designed to build communication, trust, problem solving and decision making qualities within a group," Donna Lindenmeier, director of the challenge course said. "Groups go out there to work on their cohesion."

The Mozingo Challenge course was the latest addition to the Mozingo Outdoor Education and Recreational Area at Mozingo Lake. The course consisted of three areas ranging from low to high initiatives. A 52-foot tower,

a Carolina straight wall and a giant swing were a few of the obstacles groups conquered on the course.

"Several university groups have used the course," Lindenmeier said. "Including the men's and women's basketball teams, Team Leadership, SOAR leaders and the HPERD group."

Groups could reserve the course through the University. Each day cost \$300. University and community groups used the course year-round to promote group unity.

After hoisting fellow teammates and friends over the straight wall and negotiating the many other obstacles, the teams developed communication skills and a sense of bonding that was critical in an organization.

North of the straight wall, the new tower stands equipped with ropes and nets. Challengers triumphed over the tower using teamwork and stamina. photo by Amanda Byler



- The J. W. Jones Student Union used to contain 6 bowling lanes.
- A bowling pin can cost up to \$12.50.
- The average weight of a bowling ball is 10 lbs.
- In bowling, in order to earn a score of 300, the player must only have strikes..
- Sources: Owner of Bearcat Lanes, Deon Roush.



As the shot clock runs down Joel Yeldell makes a final layup. "Joel is definitely going to contribute for us," head coach Steve Tappmeyer said. "He is a very steady player." photo by John Petrovic

Lincoln University closes in on Jelani Walker as he drives right. Northwest defeated Lincoln 72-61. photo by John Petrovic



Winter

Men's Basketball

Scores

Emporia State University 75-57, 91-79

Pittsburgh State University 72-56, 90-81

Missouri Western State College 76-70, 59-6

Truman State University 74-65, 79-50

Missouri Southern State College 90-67, 77-94

Washburn University 67-65, 72-57

Southwest Baptist University 82-67, 99-92

Central Missouri State University 78-54, 72-54

University of Missouri-Rolla 79-73, 75-62

Conference play 16-2

Overall Record before post season 24-2



- Head Coach Steve Tappmeyer was 2001 MIAA coach of the year.
- The team was comprised of 17 members from six different states.
- Northwest has scored 100 points in a game 37 times.
- Chris Borchers dream job was to be a Pro Golfer.
- Lego's was the favorite childhood toy of Rich Bubalo.

Source: Sports Information Men's Basketball Media guide.



by Mandy Lauck

# Court Domination Scores Top Ranking

## Near-perfect season ends in MIAA Championship and top seed at the beginning of post-season play

Winning was an expectation and nationally ranked, the men's basketball team rolled through a successful season and earned a exciting MIAA Conference Championship and a buy in the first round in the post-season tournament.

The men's basketball team started the season 19-0, pulling off impressive victories against Emporia State, 75-57, and Pittsburgh State, 72-56. As the Bearcats climbed in ranking, their team goals became more defined.

"Our team goal the beginning of the season was to have the team improve every game," head coach Steve Tappmeyer said. "Every game that we won, we were one step closer to playing our best basketball we could play."

One highlight game of the season for the No. 5 Bearcats was their win over Missouri Western State

College on Jan. 7, beating the Griffons 76-70. Guard Kelvin Parker had a memorable night, racking up a career-high 21 points to help the Bearcats with the win.

"The game against Mo. West was an important one," Tappmeyer said. "Many of the guys on our team contributed to the game. We don't necessarily have a certain key player, which helps our team out greatly."

The winning streak ended as Northwest played Missouri Western on Feb. 4. Roles were reversed when the 'Cats lost 64-59 against the Griffons.

"I think in the first time we played Mo. West, we took better care of the basketball," guard Kelvin Parker said. "Their shots fell when they needed them and ours didn't."

Bouncing back, the Bearcats trampled the Truman State

University Bulldogs, winning 79-50, but were struck another blow when they were defeated by Missouri Southern State College, 77-94. The loss proved to the team how important conference games were.

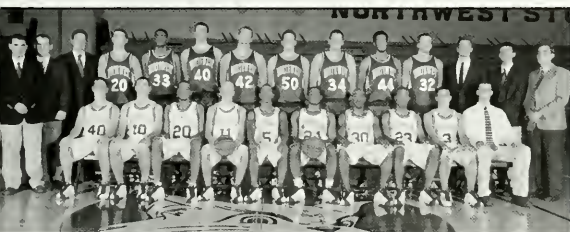
"Out of the entire season, the most important games we've played have been conference games," Tappmeyer said. "We try hard to win conference games because they mean so much to post-season play."

Edging closer to the final game, the Bearcats chalked up wins on Feb. 20 as they beat Central Missouri State University 72-54.

Setting their sights on the post-season, the Bearcats played their final game against University of Missouri-Rolla beating them 75-62. The Bearcats were ranked No. 1 in post-season play. *Post-season play is further covered on the CD-ROM.*

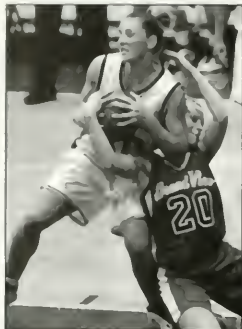
“ Every game that we won, we were one step closer to playing our best basketball we could play. ”

- Steve Tappmeyer



**Front Row:** Rich Bubalo, Jesse Shaw, Jelani Walker, Scott Fleming, Kelvin Parker, Jerry Hudson, Floyd Jones III, Archie Jeter, Ben McCollum and Joel Taylor. **Back Row:** Matt Brownberger, Troy Forbes, Steve Tappmeyer, Sam Sutura, Keanan Weir, Brandon Rold, Matt Rowan, Joel Yeldell, Chris Borchers, Brian Carson, Matt Grove, Darren Vorderbrugge, Joe Girdner and Skip Shear.

Grandview College's guard prevents team captain Dena McMullen from passing. McMullen contributed 14 points to the 71-51 win. *photo by John Petrovic*



Attempting to assist Tanesha Fields, Jerrica Miller and Sara Vollerston fight for possession of the ball. Northwest lost to Southwest Baptist University 78-68. *photo by Brett Stewart*

Under the net, guard Tanesha Fields looks for an open teammate during a game against Grandview College. "Tanesha is our baseline weapon," coach Gene Steinmeyer said. *photo by John Petrovic*



#### Winter

#### Women's Basketball

#### Scores

Emporia State University 81-66, 61-76

Pittsburgh State University 79-67, 54-67

Missouri Western State College 54-83, 64-63

Truman State University 64-73, 71-62

Missouri Southern State College 72-85, 81-93

Washburn University 65-77, 49-72

Southwest Baptist University 70-78, 68-78

Central Missouri State University 67-77, 64-68

University of Missouri- Rolla 85-68, 87-61

Conference play 6-12

Overall Record before post season 11-15



- Head Coach Gene Steinmeyer has a winning record of .690 after 2001 season.
- Northwest has played Central Missouri State 58 times.
- Kristen Anderson has played in every game since the 1998-1999 season.
- Corey Van Dine's favorite toy as a child was GI Joe and Transformers.
- Tanesha Fields dream job was to be the Host of MTV's Total Request Live.
- Source: Sports Information Department Women's Basketball guide.

by Mandy Lauck

# Drive to Succeed Opens Shot at Victory

## Highs and lows of season lead to great momentum and abrupt defeats in unpredictable game outcomes

The season appeared to be a rollercoaster of emotions, mixed with passionate highs and frustrating lows. Team members of the women's basketball team continued to pull each other up and boost confidence.

Starting the season on a good note, the women's basketball team won six out of nine games. Distinctive wins came against the University of Alaska-Fairbanks in overtime, 74-63 and Emporia State University, 81-66.

Falling into a losing streak, the Bearcat women lost six games in a row. Despite the disappointing losses, the team stayed confident.

"As a team, I think we started to come together as a team and

play with each other pretty good," guard Jerrica Miller said. "We started to bring up each other's confidence and always had each other's backs."

Staying positive, the Bearcats pulled off a win against the No. 2 ranked Missouri Western State College Griffons on Feb. 4, beating them 64-63. The team agreed the win was the highlight of the season.

"I think everyone could say the Mo. West game was a turning point game when they came here and we beat them and Emporia," guard Brook Hogue said. "We all had confidence in ourselves. We could do it if we worked together."

On an adrenaline rush after

beating Mo. West, the Bearcats used the boost in confidence to beat Truman State University 71-62.

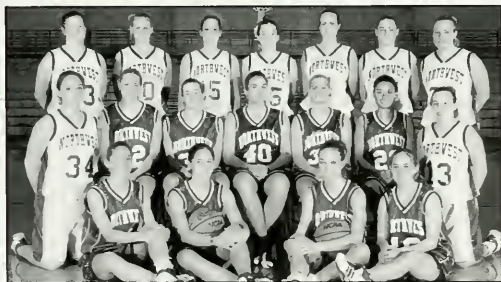
In a turn of events, however, the Bearcat women saw their season suddenly dwindling. They suffered losses from teams such as Missouri Southern State College, 93-81, and Central Missouri State University, 68-64.

In their final game, the Bearcats topped Missouri-Rolla 87-61. Dena McMullen led the way with 18 points. McMullen, along with teammates Miller and Kristen Anderson ended their season on Feb. 23.

"I was a little disappointed on how our games turned out," Miller said. "Personally, for myself I achieved a lot being a leader. I was doing my best to help out the team and trying to win some games."

“ We started to bring up each other's confidence and always had each other's backs. ”

- Jerrica Miller



**Front Row:** Corey Van Dine, Lanay Larson, Deidra Bridger and Jaime McLaughlin **Row 2:** Dana Lade, Stacy McAlexander, Kristen Anderson, Sarah Vollerston, Jennifer Gries and Tanesha Fields **Back Row:** Katie Scherer, Dena McMullen, Stephanie Dieso, Jerrica Miller, Jenna Wolfe, Brooke Hogue and Ashley Poptanycz.



by Betsy Lee

# Shot at Top Finishes

## Running faster and competing harder earns top conference finish

Toes behind the line, eight sets of spikes sunk into the track waiting for the crack of the gun.

The men's track and field team began their outdoor season with a victory at the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattisburg.

"We beat everyone and got off to a good note," head coach Richard Alsop said. "It was the first meet and we already got some national qualifiers."

Another victory at the April 7 Northwest Invitational was a highlight.

"Our home meet was the best so far," Alsop said. "It was very outstanding because we had four discus national qualifiers and one in pole vault."

The men were confident going into the MIAA conference meet. Tucker Woolsey placed first in the shot put. Both Tucker and his brother, Conrad, both qualified for nationals in Edwardsville, Ill.

The Bearcats finished fourth in conference with eight, top three

finishes overall.

After the season, the men began practices for indoor track.

The season began against Division I competition. At the Jayhawk Invitational in Lawrence Kan. the 3200 meter relay won in 8:02.

In Central Missouri State's Mule Relays, Woolsey set a new school record in the shot put throwing 57.75" and qualifying for nationals.

MIAA Conference Indoor Championships Feb. 22-23 at Missouri Southern State College was one many season highlights. Finishing second overall, the team relied on the top finishes of Kyle Keraus and Joel Terry.

The final team finishes came down to the 4x400 meter relay. The 4x00 beat Truman State University at the wire, which secured the second place finish.

Although both teams were disqualified, the final race of the season reflected the hardwork and unity of the team.



**Front Row:** James Paschal, Jeff Campbell, Michael Nation, Brad Chellew, Jesse Fisher, John Heil, Chuck Abele, Matt Fisher, Brad Elliott and Tony Glover. **Row 2:** Jason Williamson, Kyle Daily, Sean Thompson, Jason Chinn, Craig Flemmings, Ryan Miller, Pat Jordan, Kyle Keraus, Matt Keraus and Eric Geis. **Row 3:** Gil Ridenour, Matt Nippert, Chad Fowler, Jason Greer, Jason Stan, Jeremy Sitherwood, Joel Terry, Paul Miser and Dan McKim. **Row 4:** Danny Burns, Jason St. Clair, Mark Stewart, Bryce Good, Tucker Woolsey, Matt Abele, Conrad Woolsey and Tommy Leslie. **Row 5:** Jamison Phillips, Phillip Nelson, Bryon Rakin, Nate Harris, Mike Ostroko, Phillip Lubeck, Nate Christianson and Rusty Ruble. **Row 6:** Shilo Eaton, Shawn Sackman, Cedric Davis, Russ Wentz, Richard Alsop, Devin McCall, Clint Prange and Eric Weintzel.





**Gaining momentum** Conrad Woolsey prepares to throw the shot put. Woolsey placed second in the shot put at the MIAA Outdoor Track and Field Conference Championships. *photo by Christine Ahrens*



“We beat everyone and got off to a good note. It was the first meet and we already got some national qualifiers.”

- Richard Alsup

**Clearing the barrier**, Jamison Phillips tries to avoid the pool of water below. The steeple chase required athletes to jump barriers and a water pit during the race. *photo by Christine Ahrens*

**The sun shines in his eyes** as Jason Williamson completes a distance event at the Northwest Invitational. The men won the meet making it a highlight of the season. *photo by Christine Ahrens*



- The men's college shot must weigh a minimum of 16 pounds.
- The mens track team represents the four-state area, Texas, California and Kenya.
- Head Coach Richard Alsup has coached three top-10 teams.
- Joel Terry held the record for 60 meter hurdles with a time of 8.21 seconds.
- There were eight records broken in 2001 for both indoor and outdoor seasons.
- Source: Sports information Mens Track Media Guide

by Betsy Lee

# Strides to Success

## Strong showing from upperclassmen result in top finishes and national competition in field events

“It has a totally different atmosphere, knowing that everyone there is awesome and you get to compete with them.”

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- April House

Fighting against downpours and stifling heat waves, the women's track and field team sought victory during the 2001 outdoor season.

For the women, the outdoor season began March 17 in Hattisburg, Miss. Jenny Simmons was the lone top finisher, winning pole vault at 10'6."

Continuing her dominance, Simmons provisionally qualified for nationals April 21 at the Doane Relays in Crete, Neb. Three women earned first place finishes at Doane, including Jill Stanley, Ronda Cheers and April House.

House continued to put up excellent marks at the May 6 MIAA conference meet in Joplin. House won both the 55 and 200-meter dashes. Despite House's efforts, Wooton said the meet was a difficult for the teams.

"The conference meet was not one of our best meets overall," Wooton said. "But we did have several athletes that came out on top."

House went on to compete at the Division II Outdoor Nationals in the 100 and 200 meter dash and the long jump.

"It was really good experience because it's unlike any other meet," House said. "It has a totally different atmosphere, knowing that everyone there is awesome and you get to compete with them."

After a break, the Bearcats began the indoor track season at the indoor Iowa State Classic in Ames, Iowa, Dec. 7. Led by a strong upperclassman showing, the women placed in the top 10, in nine different events.

Defeating other teams by over 90 points, the Bearcats took control of the Buena Vista University Invitational in Storm Lake, Iowa. Mary Wirt, winner of the weight throw, and Simmons in pole vault both provisionally qualified for nationals in Boston.

Competing for the first time against Division I schools, the Bearcat's talent led to top 10

finishes at the Jayhawk Invitational in Lawrence, Kan. With a jump of 18'6," Jill Fisher finished second in the long jump provisionally qualifying for nationals.

The indoor season was completed Feb. 22-23 at the MIAA Conference Indoor Championships. Running at Missouri Southern State College, the women finished fifth overall.

The final meet demonstrated the unity of the team, who gathered to cheer for competing teammates.

A crowd of athletes gathered to cheer on Simmons, who battled a single opponent during most of the vaulting competition. Simmons finished second in the vault.

House was also a top finisher, she scored 22 points for the Bearcats, placing in the long jump, the 60 meter dash and the 800 meter dash.



**Front Row:** Jaclyn Baker, Megan Carlson, Jill Stanley, Sara Wolff, Jenny Simmons and Diana Hughes. **Row 2:** Kellie Clifford, Annie Powell, Kim Scarborough, Jill Fisher, Toni Sexton, Gara Lacy and Kadie Campbell. **Row 3:** Jill Eppenbaugh, Amanda Neneman, Ann Dykstra, Lisa McDaniel, Jill Robinson, Erin Parnell and Ronda Cheers. **Back Row:** Shilo Eaton, Mary Wirt, Megan Bauman, Gina Gelatti, Angela Caldwell, Kelly Carlton, Latisha Brown and Vicki Wooton.





**Landing in a pool of water,** Jaclyn Baker and Megan Carlson race in the steeple chase. Carlson set a new record of 13:14.71 in the 3,000 meter event. *photo by Christine Ahrens*



**Clearing the barrier,** Jaclyn Baker competes in the 3,000 meter steeple chase. The 2001 track season was the first season in which women were allowed to participate in the event. *photo by Christine Ahrens*

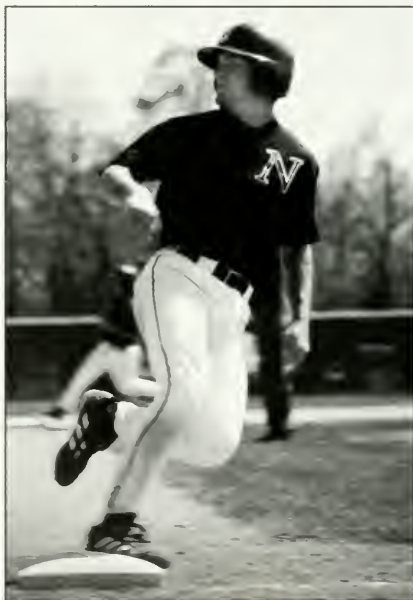
**During the Northwest Invitational,** Sara Wolff launches the javelin. Northwest's Invitational was held April 7, 2001. *photo by Christine Ahrens*

- Head Coach Vicki Wootton was named MIAA Co-Coach of the year in 1998 for Indoor Track and Field.
- April House holds the record for long jump with 19 feet 7 inches.
- Northwest has won two MIAA Outdoor Track and Field Championships.
- The javelin was 7 feet long and the women's shot put weighed 8.8 pounds.
- The pole vault record was held by Jenny Simmons at 10 feet 11 3/4 inches at the indoor MIAA Conference meet.
- Source: Sports Information indoor outdoor track media guide.



In the third inning of the game, John Bothof strains to reach the base during the game against Southwest Baptist University. Northwest lead the game at the end of the inning by a score of 3-1. Bothof ended the season with 37 runs batted in and three home runs. *photo by Michaela Kanger*

With a glance toward left field, Chad McDaniel rounds third base after Adam Bailey hit a home run. McDaniel ended the season contributing 34 runs and stealing 15 bases in 18 attempts. *photo by Michaela Kanger*



#### Working the field

The Northwest baseball team was dedicated to more than just a sport. Hours were spent maintaining a top-notch baseball field.

"Our baseball players, more than anyone else, really strive for the perfect field," head coach Darrin Loe said.

Team members were responsible for pulling weeds by hand and dusting the field at the beginning and end of each practice, spending an average of three hours per day keeping the field in perfect condition.

Coach Loe said maintenance did a great job taking care of the larger projects.

#### Spring

#### Baseball

#### Scores

Washburn University 8-15, 5-13, 4-5, 11-0

Missouri Western State College 1-4, 8-2, 4-9, 0-5

Emporia State University 6-2, 2-1, 8-2, 12-6

Truman State University 10-6, 9-3, 10-3, 8-6

Missouri Southern State College 1-3, 8-11, 17-2

Pittsburgh State University 9-16, 12-1, 4-14

University of Missouri-Rolla 9-4, 1-4, 11-21

Southwest Baptist University 14-6, 3-14, 14-2

Central Missouri State University 0-6, 0-11, 1-11

**Overall Record 20-31**



- Adam Bailey led the team's batting average with .409 and 13 homeruns.
- Head baseball coach Darin Loe was a former Seattle Mariners player.
- The Bearcats were at bat 1,487 times during the season.
- The record for stolen bases in one season was set in 1989 with 176.
- Source: [www.nwmissouri.edu](http://www.nwmissouri.edu)

by Betsy Lee

# Sliding to Final Victories

Initial struggles in the beginning  
lead to wins at the end of season.

Multiple cancellations and postponements added to a slow start for the baseball team. After dropping 14 of the first 20 games, the team refused to give up the fight.

"Having several games cancelled at the beginning of the year due to the winter weather kind of threw us out of a groove," first baseman Zach Ruff said. "Once we got to play on a regular basis, we were able to do some things."

The team came back and won five of their final six games at Bearcat Field against the

University of Missouri-Rolla, Truman State University and Southwest Baptist University.

"We knew we were mathematically eliminated going into our last home series, but we wanted to give the fans something to cheer about," outfielder Adam Bailey said.

The team finished with an overall record of 20-31 and a conference record of 13-15.

Head baseball coach Darin Loe said the team was unable to put together a complete game throughout the season. Lacking all

the elements for a complete game hurt the team.

"The guys saw how good we could be during several series," Loe said. "But it seemed like we were always lacking in one phase of the game when we lost; we either didn't have the pitching, the hitting or the defense."

Although the season did not turn out as planned, the team knew there was room for improvement. Teamwork played a big role in the team's success.

"It wasn't the season we planned for, but we knew if we worked hard in the off-season, we could make up for what happened this season," Ruff said. "It was important for us to work with each other to get the chemistry better."

This pitch whizzes by, but Zach Ruff connects with the next throw to make it to first base against Southwest Baptist University. Ruff finished the season with a batting average of .358 in 173 appearances at the plate. photo by Michaela Kanger

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It could be your game or not, that's why it's fun. You never know what the next pitch will bring.

”

-John Sipes





As **Lindy Tomilson** aggressively slides into second base, she checks back at first to see if the batter made it safely. The women had a 21-21 record overall. *photo by Cathy Fleming*



Before the game, team members gather for words of wisdom from the coach. The team consisted of 12 women. *photo by Cathy Fleming*

**Spring**

**Softball**

**Scores**

Washburn University 0-2, 2-4, 5-2

Missouri Western State College 1-2, 1-7

Emporia State University 7-8, 3-1, 1-5

Truman State University 1-0

Missouri Southern State College 1-2, 4-2, 0-3

Pittsburgh State University 3-2, 1-0, 2-5, 5-4, 1-4

University of Missouri-Rolla 0-1, 10-2, 7-5

Southwest Baptist University 5-4, 7-5

Central Missouri State University 4-2, 6-0, 0-5, 7-6

**Overall Record** 21-23



- Eight boxes of balls are used for each season.
- Each box contains 150-160 balls.
- There are two different kinds of softball: fast pitch and slow pitch.
- Northwest holds the record for the most double plays.
- Source: [www.nwmissouri.edu](http://www.nwmissouri.edu), Head Coach Pamela Knox

In the second game, Alison Adkins pitches against the Blue Jays from Washburn University. Adkins was ranked second on the team with a 3.55 earned-run average. photo by Cathy Fleming

by Natalie Williams

# Propelling Past Obstacles

Determination and persistence throughout a tough schedule help in overcoming setbacks along the way.

Sometimes success can be thwarted by bad luck. Injuries, bad weather conditions and other adversities plagued the season.

The players remained optimistic throughout. Coach Pamela Knox was proud of how the team dealt with the disheartening season.

"Starting with 17 players and losing five from our intended roster would have discouraged most teams," Knox said. "But our players did not let that keep them from doing great things."

The season started February

23 with a tournament in Conway, Arkansas. There, the team lost the first game, but rallied to finish with a 2-1 record. Pitcher Jessica Rupiper said although the tournament prepared the team for MIAA conference play, it hurt the team's overall record. Knox, however, was happy with their performance against the tough competition.

"We were a small team, but very strong and competitive," Knox said. "We beat the top teams in the conference."

Having only two seniors and

three junior leaders, the young team got along well, Rupiper said. Despite low rankings, the group remained motivated for the MIAA conference tournament. Knox said many individuals stepped up for the challenge.

"Nicole Strawn was a solid leader, encouraging the team with her words and actions," Knox said. "Kriston Manthe stepped in and played solid third base for us. Everyone was contributing."

Where they lacked in numbers on the roster, the team made up for in determination. Despite a few set backs along the way, the women's softball team came together to prove they had the heart and motivation to step up to the challenge.

“We were a small team, but very strong and competitive. We beat the top teams in the conference.”

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- Pamela Knox

**First row:** Heather Alexander, Lindy Tomilson, Melissa Nimmo, Jessica Rupiper, Morgan McGinnis, Kelly Carter. **Back Row:** Theresa Carroll, Alison Adkins, Angie McCoy, Nicole Strawn, Kirston Manthe, Megan Spring.



by Phil Koehler

## Challenge for Challenge

Moving to a new country was an experience in itself, but adding the responsibility of playing for a university athlete team created an even bigger challenge.

Adriana Hernandez, from Mexico, and Rosa Tapia, from Peru, played for the women's tennis team. Each had a unique perspective on playing for a team lacking diversity.

"It was easier to be accepted by the team because Adriana was here last year," Tapia said.

Hernandez said she enjoyed her first year. Support from the athletes made the transition to life in the United States easier.

"The girls on the team helped a lot," Hernandez said. "They were very friendly and were always looking out for me. It was exciting when Rosa came. I wasn't the only Latina on the team anymore."

From different cultures and areas of the world, two athletes traveled to the Midwest to share their knowledge and talent with the women's tennis team.

The two women not only experienced life as students, but also as varsity athletes. Making the transition to a new culture was a learning experience for the women and the rest of the tennis team as well.



Spring/Fall

**Men's Tennis**

Scores

Washburn University 7-2

Emporia State University 9-0

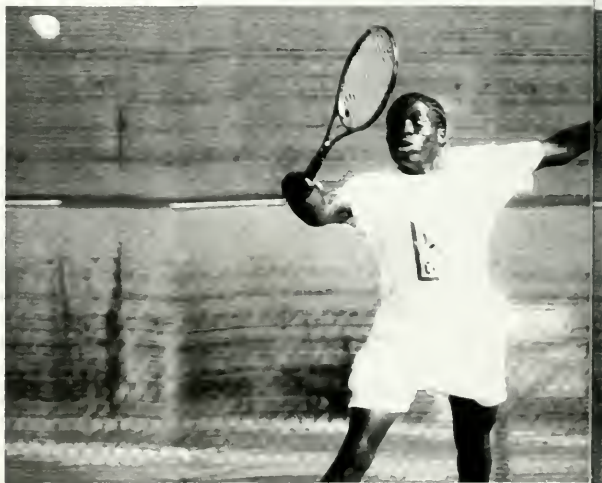
Truman State University 5-4

University of Missouri-Rolla 7-2

Southwest Baptist University 6-3

Central Missouri State University 3-11

**Overall Record 12-16**





The Bearcats increase their lead, and Rosa Tapia shows no signs of letting up as she plays Washburn University during the MIAA Championships. Northwest hosted the tournament where the Bearcats captured both, first-place finishes.  
*photo by Amanda Byler*

by Phil Koehler

# Twice the success

Valiant efforts on the home courts lead to a matching pair of MIAA Championship titles and a statement of domination.

Seeded lower than expected, the men's and women's tennis teams rallied from a slow start to win the MIAA Championships.

After defeating Truman State University, 5-4, and Southwest Baptist University, 6-3, the men's team won the conference title with an overall score of 69 points. It was the fifth time head coach Mark Rosewell has led a tennis team to the top spot in the MIAA Conference Championship.

"The toughest matches throughout the year were against Truman State and Southwest Baptist," Rosewell said. "I think players like Jon Sanchez and Jarrod Smith really stepped up and helped the team out."

**Concentration on the basics** allows Njavwa Mulwanda to perfect his swing during practice. During the season Mulwanda ranked second for the men's team in single matches with a record of 12-19. *photo by Amanda Byler*

Sanchez won the No. 2 singles title and Smith won the No. 4 title. They also brought home the No. 2 double's ranking for the league.

The women's team answered the men's outstanding performance with a top-place finish of their own. Winning the tournament with a score of 53 points, the women squeezed out wins over Truman, who had 50 points, and Washburn University who had 47. Matching MIAA Championship awards was a proud moment for the teams.

"One of our biggest wins was the MIAA Championship," Rosa Tapia said. "That was awesome. We beat Washburn, Truman, Emporia State University and many other schools."

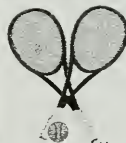
The women finished the season with a record of 19-12. A few of the bigger wins were against Drury University, 9-0, and Missouri Southern State College, 7-2.

It was a season of triumphs for the men's and women's tennis teams. Not only had they made a statement about determination, they had proved both teams were worthy of a championship.

Spring/Fall

Women's Tennis

Scores



Washburn University 4-5

Emporia State University 8-1

Truman State University 6-3

Missouri Western State College 9-0

Missouri Southern State College 3-5

Southwest Baptist University 9-0

Central Missouri State University 0-1

**Overall Record 19-12**

Before game time, Andie Henrix, Jenny Falstrom and Kathy Hundley warm up. Henrix, Falstrom and Hundley played intramural volleyball for Alpha Sigma Alpha. *photo by Christine Ahrens*



Representing Alpha Kappa Lambda fraternity, Drew Strutman and Jared Weber fight hard in the Battle of the Beef. Winners earned supremacy points for claiming victory. *photo by Matthew Frye*





by Mandy Lauck

## Playing a Powerful Role

Student referees had the authority in competitive but friendly sports

They had all the power. Whatever was called, the players were forced to accept it. They were rulers of the intramural games.

During the intramural season, those who worked at the Student Recreation Center had the responsibility to referee games, keep scores and take down statistics. There were a variety of reasons why referees chose to participate, one of these was the paycheck they received.

"I applied to be a referee because

I needed money," Chad McCullough said. "Besides, there wasn't much involved, just basic basketball skills."

Having basic basketball skills gave referees a chance to earn money while exercising.

"I like to referee intramurals because there's not a lot you have to learn and you get a great workout while you're working," Nick Wetzel said.

Intramural officials attended a total of three meetings to train for

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- There were 23 intramural sports.
- If a player was ejected, they were suspended indefinitely until interviewed by the director.
- Intramural sports have been played at Northwest since the 1960s.
- Scorekeepers were paid \$6 a game.
- Source: [www.nwmissouri.edu](http://www.nwmissouri.edu)



## Playing a Powerful Role

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-Ryan Daniels

the games. In addition to the meetings, another meeting was held on the court to give referees some hands-on experience.

"I refereed little kids' games before, but the meeting helped me to refresh my memory of all the calls," Wetzel said. "It's not that hard to do really."

Scorekeepers, on the other hand, were not required to attend any training sessions beforehand. They received a quick lesson on how to control the scoreboards before the games began.

"There's not much to it," Ryan Daniels said. "I just do what I am told to and everything works out okay."

Daniels and co-worker, Cindy Poindexter, said scorekeeping was

hard when keeping track of scores for flag football.

"I would get yelled at and told I wasn't doing something right because I was a girl and I didn't know that much about football," Poindexter said. "But I kept doing what I was suppose to and I learned to not pay attention to them after awhile."

After the referees had handed in their whistles and the statisticians put away their scorebooks, they stepped off the court, relinquishing their power. As they left the Rec Center, they walked away ordinary college students.

Before his table tennis match, Kenny Swope practices with Recreation Center employee Travis Acklin. Table Tennis was another way to compete. *photo by Christine Ahrens*



In a basketball game against Alpha Kappa Lambda, Alpha Gamma Rho's Jason Richard drives the ball down court. AGR beat AKL in double overtime. *photo by Amanda Byler*



by Mandy Lauck

# Friendly Competitive Outlet for all Athletes

As the whistle sounded, dripping wet faces and exhausted bodies pushed to defeat the opponent. The overall goal was to be proclaimed victorious.

Either to earn supremacy points for their sorority or fraternity, keep in shape or have fun, students participated in intramural competitions.

"I just play for fun," Darryl Ridler said. "We usually practice between 3 p.m. and 5 p.m. My personal goal is to stay in shape for football season."

One intramural sport was 5-on-5 basketball. A variety of divisions were formed between women's teams, men's teams, fraternities and sororities. Brackets were

While teams huddle, referees Nick Wetzel and Chad McCullough catch their breath. McCullough had refed two years. *photo by Amanda Byler*

created to organize the games and prepare them for tournaments.

Although many people favored basketball, other sports were popular as well. Volleyball was another intramural sport that tested the resolve of students around campus.

Another sport that was captivating by the participants and the audience was volleyball.

Set as both an indoor and outdoor event, the versatility was appreciated by students.

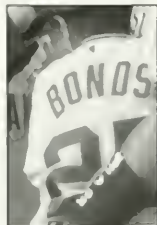
"I think my favorite intramural sport was volleyball," Lindsey Lowery said. "I like that you can have a lot of people involved. It's also a nice feeling to be able to go outside every once in awhile."

Fit for a variety of tastes, intramural sports provided a outlet for those looking to stay in shape and maintain a competitive edge. Fitness and fun were the goals of the game.

During double overtime, Jamie Hazen informs the players that the next to score wins. Hazen was the head employee involving intramurals. *photo by Amada Byler*



**San Francisco Giants'**  
Barry Bonds hugs his  
son Nikolar as he is  
congratulated by  
teammates after hitting  
his 70th home run of the  
season. Bonds tied the  
home run record held  
by Mark McGwire.  
*photo by Getty Images*



## Live

Scenes reflected off eyes wide from shock. In monumental flashes on the television screen, in clippings of newspapers and through the airwaves, the events of our lives pieced together a picture of startling reality.

It was a year of events that shattered the calm of everyday life. Normal routines crumbled to insecurities and tear after the tragedies of Sept. 11. Securities that had been taken for granted quickly distinguished into paranoia from anthrax scares and a new war on terrorism.

Constantly, the public was told to return to normalcy. And in the midst of tragedy, the country was determined to achieve a sense of consistency. Routines soon returned to the chaos of everyday life.

Locally, the community experienced gas price scares, ever-evolving construction work on campus and highway 71 and the loss of a Northwest student on Thanksgiving Day. Beyond the happenings in Maryville, news of nation's events flooded into our homes.

The fantasy phenomenon triggered record-breaking sales in movies and box office hits. Escaping into the world of entertainment allowed the public to forget letters dusted in anthrax and an economy feeling the cold grip of recession.

Triumph surfaced internationally with a world uniting through the winter Olympics. Held in Salt Lake City, Utah, displays of athleticism burned images of inspiration into the minds of all who witnessed the Games.

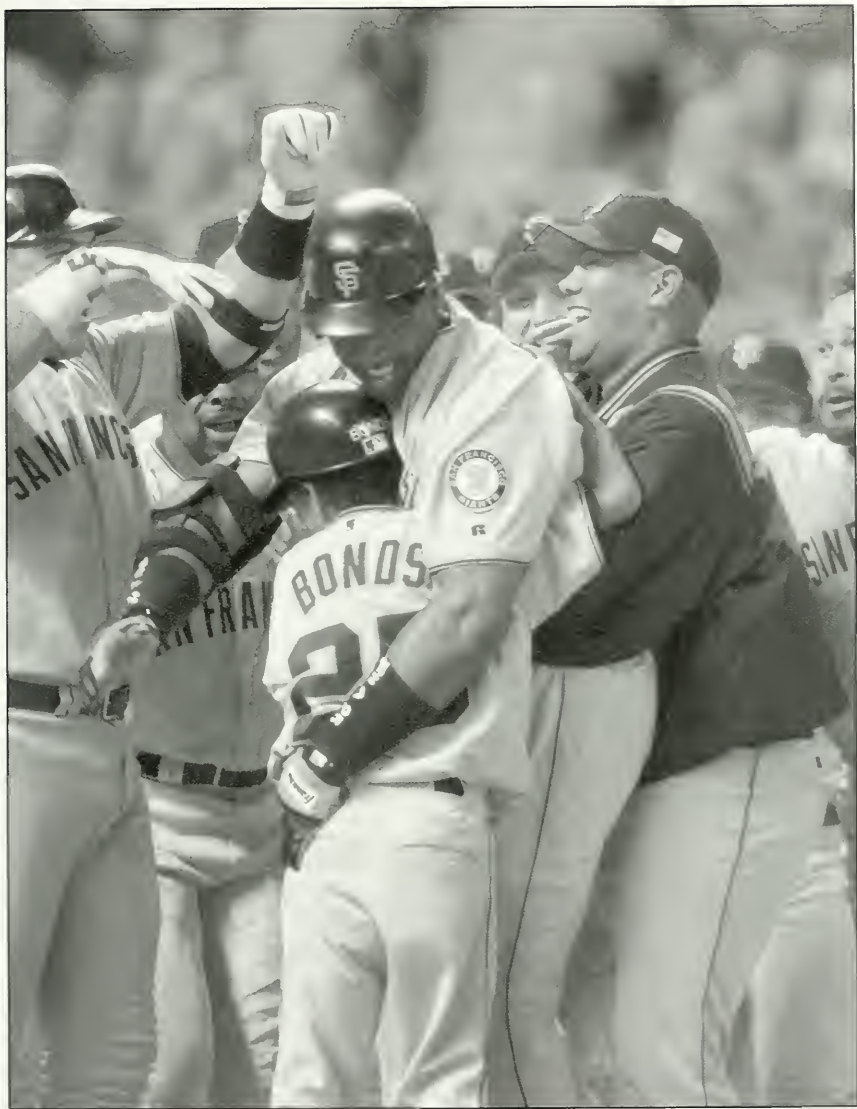
Influenced by the year's events, locally, nationally and internationally the world evolved. Bottom line was a life of play and work meshing together in a revelation of reality.

In its first weekend,  
"Harry Potter and the  
Sorcerer's Stone"  
brought in a record  
breaking \$93.5 million.

Sgt. Nathan Ross  
Chapman was the first  
U.S. combatant to be  
killed by enemy fire  
during the War Against  
Terror.

Time Magazine's man  
of the Year was former  
New York Mayor  
Rudolph Giuliani.





After the attacks on Sept. 11, CBS lost \$85 million for not running ads for 93 hours after the attacks.

One ticket to the opening ceremony at the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City, Utah cost \$885.

Ethan Zohn, the winner of "Survivor Africa," had worked since 1999 creating names for items that have recently been invented.

The Nintendo Game Cube reached sales of 600,000 units in 15 days, or an average of 27 per minute. The made it the fastest selling game console to date.

The now collapsed Enron employed 21,000 people in 2001.

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## STUDENTS CELEBRATE NATIONAL HERO

by Marlisa Carrillo



Guest of Honor Minister Edwin Muhammed speaks to the crowd about the ideas of Martin Luther King Jr. The Alliance of Black Collegians and guests celebrated the life of King. photo by Matthew Frye

### Volunteers take advantage of this celebrated holiday to lend a helping hand to the local community

It was a carefree day of no school, but for many students, the day was used to honor and embody the teachings of Martin Luther King Jr.

According to Veronica Jones, President of Alliance of Black Collegians, Martin Luther King Jr. Day should have been a day on, and not a day off. The members of Team Leadership and ABC teamed up to provide students with a way to use the day to its full advantage.

Volunteers met in the J.W. Jones Student Union Ballroom at 9 a.m. Traveling to various destinations throughout Maryville, volunteers painted a children's center, helped senior citizens with household duties and assisted at the Ministry Center.

After a day of hard work, the ABC group reconvened at the Wesley Center at 4:30 p.m. for dinner. Following the meal, participants met in front of the library for a candlelight vigil and walk to the Union.

In honor of the day, the gospel choir greeted the public with a short concert, followed by a speech by Edwin Muhammed, a prison reform minister from St. Louis.

The day of service not only reflected the generosity of the participants, but what King did for his generation and those that have followed.

"It's important to recognize this holiday, because this man did a lot for this nation," Jones said.

by Mandy Lauck

## STATE BUDGET CUTS CONCERN UNIVERSITY

Balancing between the governor's demands and upholding a strong institution, Northwest suffered administrative and staff cut backs forcing the University to dip into its reserves.

Governor Bob Holden announced \$480 million in core cuts to the state budget Jan.17. This translated to a 10 percent core cut to every public institution of higher learning, which included Northwest.

"Quite frankly, we have not had the time to gather all the facts surrounding the state budget,"

President Dean Hubbard said. "As you know, it is an extremely complex matter and it will take at least a few days to examine and digest the governor's overall recommendation."

According to the state, 57 percent of 2001 budget cuts came from higher education funds. Gov. Holden anticipated an additional 20 percent cut in 2002.

Even though times were tough economically, Hubbard kept an optimistic mindset for the future of the University.

"In times like these, strong organizations like ours can become even stronger," Hubbard said. "We will clear this hurdle and continue to offer the best education possible to our students."

Battling the budget was no easy task. Additional fees to tuition and cuts in organizations and activities were attempts to find solid ground. In a trend setting environment where quality had priority, a budget cut did not hinder the constant efforts for improvements.

by Ann Harman

## MILLIONAIRE PHARMACIST

### DILUTES CHEMOTHERAPY MEDICATION

Chemotherapy was supposed to help several Kansas City area cancer patients fight their battle. Unfortunately, some of those patients suffered longer and more painfully than necessary; three people died because of a hidden agenda.

Robert R. Courtney, of Gladstone, Mo., was a pharmacist for more than 20 years. In November 2000, he is accused of diluting several medications used in chemotherapy.

Through these actions, he allegedly embezzled several million dollars while putting others in danger.

Courtney was arrested Aug. 15 after a representative of Eli Lilly and Co., Courtney's supplier of the drug Gemzar, notified a local physician that Courtney sold more drugs than

he purchased. According to the Kansas City Star, Courtney admitted to diluting the drugs and said he thought he diluted them to 30 or 40 percent of the actual dosage. Lab test results revealed that medications had been diluted from 39 to less than 1 percent of the actual dosage.

Courtney was arraigned on Aug. 27 and pleaded not guilty. Federal judges froze his assets of stocks and bonds valued at more than \$10 million. He was stripped of his professional license, operating certificate and closed both his Kansas City and Merriam, Kan., pharmacies.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Robert Larsen denied release on bond because of the chance Courtney would flee the country. Larsen also denied Courtney's requests to leave his solitary confinement to attend

his daughter's wedding or have supervised visits with his younger children.

Student Matthew Pearl remembered feeling fearful when he first heard about the case because his grandfather had just begun chemotherapy treatment.

"It was enough that everyone in my family was very aware of that news story," Pearl said. "Not that we thought that it was likely that it happened to him; he was treated in Joplin. At first we didn't know if this guy had sent drugs to other places. It was a point of concern."

Courtney was officially charged with a 20-count federal indictment for tampering, mishandling and altering medications. His trial was set for Mar. 11, 2002, at which he faced up to 196 years in prison.

#### Bottom Line

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by Lindsay Crump

## PROJECT GETS THROWN INTO THE TRASH

Efforts to be environmentally conscious in Maryville came to a standstill. A service that the community dividing their plastics and aluminum was no longer available.

On Feb. 1, the Maryville Recycling Center closed. It ceased operations after a 3-1 vote by the Maryville City Council.

Large amounts of money were required to maintain the Center, which had an annual operating cost of \$100,000 to \$110,000.

The Recycling Center had never made enough money to cover its costs, but recently the returns had taken a dramatic drop. The Center only made \$10,000 to

The Maryville Recycling Center prepares to close after eight years in business. The Maryville City Council voted to close the center because of a lack of profit. photo by Lindsay Crump

\$20,000 between 1998 and 2001 compared to the \$40,000 to \$50,000 made between 1993-1998.

In Dec. 2001, the Center received 13 tons of recyclables, less than half of the average 33 tons received before 1998. City Manager Mark

Chesnut said employees would lose their jobs, but would still be taken care of.

Although the Center closed, the city still encouraged people to recycle through independent companies by offering to pick up the recyclable goods.





by Leah St. Clair

## STORM LEAVES ICY PATH OF DESTRUCTION

Winter weather leaves Kansas City residents without power and heat for days leading President George W. Bush to proclaim the damaged area in a state of emergency

Mild winter weather turned dangerous when a storm left a trail of snow and ice from Texas to New York.

Ice hit the area hard, resulting in President George W. Bush declaring 33 Missouri counties and 35 counties in Kansas national disaster areas.

This allowed individuals in the counties to be eligible for governmental assistance, helping the state governments who were trying to get electricity back to 412,000 Missouri and 435,000 Kansas residents. Those in the Kansas City area were without electricity for over a week, cancelling school, meetings and closing down businesses.

Nearly 1,800 repair workers were brought in from across the nation to help restore electricity to residents. Kansas City Power & Light paid for their lodging, adding to an already stifling amount in costs.

Delays in returning power back to the area lead to reports of violent threats when crews were unable to repair lines quickly. One crew reported a presumably intoxicated man with a gun demanding his power be restored.

Off-duty police officers were hired to escort crews and protect sites the workers were repairing. Security was also hired to protect utility trucks at hotels where out-of-town crews were staying. Crews were able to restore power by Feb. 8.

Officials anticipated one of the largest clean-up efforts in history costing Missouri \$22 million and Kansas \$17 million in damages.

On the campus of Central Missouri State University in Warrensburg, students walk through an icy wonderland, the result of a major winter storm. The ice storm covered a multi-state area resulting in disaster declarations in Oklahoma, Kansas and Missouri. photo by David Stonner  
FEMA News Photo



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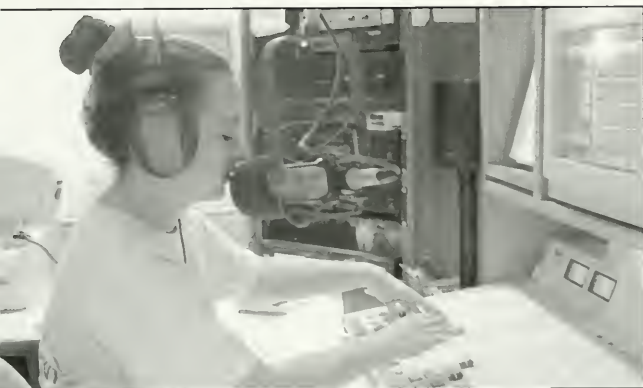
**Feb. 18**  
Veteran FBI agent Robert Hanssen was arrested and accused of spying for Russia for more than 15 years.

**March 5**

-Vice President Dick Cheney was hospitalized after feeling chest pains.  
-A freshman at Santana High School near San Diego was arrested for firing on classmates, killing two and injuring 13.

**March 19**

California officials declared a power alert and order rolling blackouts.  
-About two weeks later, Pacific Gas and Electric filed for bankruptcy in an offshoot of the California energy crisis.



During the afternoon, Samantha Fox works as a disc jockey for KDLX. "I'm excited about being on it will allow broadcasting majors opportunities to get more experience." photo by Amanda Byler

Scott Phillips

## Campus radio station to hit airwaves on low power FM

year ago, KDLX applied to participate in new breed of radio broadcasting, low power FM. Low power FM was designed for smaller stations, to keep citizens informed about community affairs. The campus station began the process of going on air by getting approval for a construction permit.

Since KDLX had been broadcasting on AM channel 9, much of the necessary equipment was already in working order. An antenna and a transmitter were all that was needed to begin broadcasting through radio. KDLX began over 40 years ago, but was

never recognized as an official radio station. Because the call letters were never registered, KDLX had to be changed to KZLX-LP. All low power FM stations ended their call letters with LP under Federal Communications Commission rules. Staff members of KDLX were delighted with the acceptance of the tower and thought it would benefit the campus.

"I think the tower is a great improvement to the campus," Samantha Fox said. "I am really excited about working on the radio now."

Scott Phillips

## Renovation proposals offer to reshape city skyline

Downtown Kansas City was in the process of being revitalized after proposals were made to renovate the Human Sports Complex.

The \$1.8 million plan was headed by Kansas City Mayor Kay Barnes. Both the Kansas City Royals and Kansas City Chiefs promised to extend their leases through 2027 if the plan went through. Changes included an increase in stadium and concession areas and new restaurant. New seating facilities would

be added at both Kauffman and Arrowhead stadiums as well. Another project placed on the backburner was a deal to possibly build a new arena in Kansas City.

To pay for these renovations, money would come from numerous areas: \$150 million from a proposed extension of bi-state sales tax, \$100 million financed through diversion of state sales and withholding \$50 million in projects from the Chiefs and Royals.

## In the News

### Road Hazard on Interstate 70

Thousands of gallons of atomic waste could soon be traveling Missouri highways.

Heading to a burial site in Nevada, toxic waste from around the country may travel through the state in the next few years. The site was set to open in 2010; however, transportation through Missouri could begin before that.

Nuclear activists said that the highway transfer would be a threat to the state. Activists protesting against the shipments point to the poor condition of Interstate 70 where the toxic waste would travel. Missouri residents also raised concerns about the safety of the casks containing the waste.

In the last few years there were over 2,000 shipments of toxic waste traveling across the country, eight of which have resulted in incidents that released small amounts of radioactivity.

### Barnes & Nobles National Campus Hardcover Fiction 2001 Bestsellers

- 1 *Harry Potter & the Chamber of Secrets*  
J.K. Rowling
- 2 *Harry Potter & the Goblet of Fire*  
J.K. Rowling
- 3 *The Corrections*  
Jonathan Franzen
- 4 *Harry Potter & the Sorcerer's Stone*  
J.K. Rowling
- 5 *Balzac & the Little Chinese Seamstress*  
Dai Sijie
- 6 *Harry Potter & the Prisoner of Azkaban*  
J.K. Rowling
- 7 *The Fellowship of the Ring Visual Companion*  
Jude Fisher
- 8 *Basket Case*  
Carl Hiaasen
- 9 *Best Loved Poems of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis*  
Caroline Kennedy
- 10 *A Bend in the Road*  
Nicholas Sparks

#### March 20

Following an explosion, the world's biggest floating oil rig, owned by Brazil's Petrobras, sank in the South Atlantic Ocean. Eleven people died and 316,000 gallons of diesel fuel poured into the ocean.

#### March 21

-The U.S. Supreme Court ruled hospitals cannot test pregnant women for drug use without their consent.  
-United States ordered 51 Russian diplomats to leave.

#### March 23

After 15 years in operation, Russian space station Mir plunged into the South Pacific Ocean.

Torchbearer Erin Brockovich carries the Olympic Flame during the 2002 Salt Lake City Olympic Torch Relay Jan. 16 in Pasadena, Calif. photo by Todd Warshaw Getty Images



by Ann Harmon

## LOCALS CARRY PATRIOTIC FIRE

Crowding the streets in a patriotic fervor, thousands of spectators lent support to Nodaway County residents.

Local farmer Denny Parman of Pickering, Mo., Maryville Middle School Principal Keith Nowland and former students Laurie DenOuden and Matt Abele were chosen to participate in the relay to the Salt Lake City Winter Olympic Games.

Four of the 11,500 runners, these community members were chosen to

participate in the relay that brought the torch from Athens, Greece to the Rice-Eccles Olympic Stadium.

Each participant carried the torch one fifth of a mile. Through St. Joseph and out to Interstate 29, the torch runners were greeted by cheering fans waving American flags. From there, the torch headed to Omaha.

In its 65-day course, the torch traveled 13,500 miles before reaching Salt Lake City for the opening of the Olympics.

### March 31

Police arrest Slobodan Milosevic prior to handing him over to the U.N. tribunal for a war crimes trial

### April 1

A U.S. Navy surveillance plane collided with a Chinese fighter over South China Sea and makes an emergency landing at a military airfield on China's Hainan Island. The Chinese pilot died in the collision. China's president demands a U.S. apology for the accident and 10 days later the country agrees to free the 24-member U.S. crew

### April 7

NASA launched the Mars Odyssey spacecraft

## In the News

### Area school represents excellence in education

National recognition was given to a Missouri school district for efforts in improving education.

The United States Department of Education awarded the North Nodaway School District national recognition for their outstanding teacher development program.

Four years ago, North Nodaway started "Circles of Learning," "Cooperative Learning Environment" and "Culture of Collaboration." These programs were designed to improve teaching strategies that helped students gain a better understanding of subject matter.

To receive national recognition, students and teachers had to display academic improvement over a three-year period. North Nodaway was one of five school districts in the nation selected for this award.

### University adds new features for students

Three new additions to the Northwest campus grabbed students' attention.

Construction of the Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity house, Cyber Café and e-dome gave students new social and academic outlets.

The new Phi Sigma Kappa house was rebuilt where the old house once stood. Taking care of fire hazards in the previous house, the new accommodations met the needs of the growing chapter. More bedrooms, a trophy room, a larger computer lab and twice the total floor space were added features to the house.

Giving students further access to computers, the Cyber Café was added next to the Cellar in the basement of the University Conference Center. Students could sit in restaurant style booths, while checking e-mail or finishing a project. The idea was proposed by Student Senate, giving students access to computers after the library closed at midnight.

Also expanding computer access was the e-dome outside Java City in J.W. Jones Student Union. Four computers were an added convenience in Internet access for public use.



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## In the News

### Child abuse ends in death

Charges against a mother and her boyfriend arose after the death of a 2-year-old.

Dayun P.J. Boatwright died Jan. 17, after his mother's boyfriend, 21-year-old Michael Beattie, allegedly abused Boatwright and another child. Boatwright was taken to St. Francis Hospital and later died after being transferred to Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City. No charges were filed in consideration of the second child who was not hospitalized.

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Amy Clark, Boatwright's mother, also faced four felony charges of child endangerment because Beattie allegedly had abused the child before this incident.

### University grieves losses

Winter holidays normally were a joyous time for family and friends. Two families, however, were left asking questions.

Thanksgiving break was marked with sadness at the death of freshman John Davison, who died Nov. 22 from *Neisseria meningitidis*, commonly known as meningitis.

A memorial service was held in St. Joseph Nov. 24. The University memorial bell ringing service was Dec. 11.

Another family was left to fill a tragic void after the mysterious death of Julia Vogel. Her body was found Dec. 28 outside Fox Cove Apartments where she had been visiting a friend. Vogel had died from hypothermia and was last seen leaving the apartment at 10 p.m. A small cut was found on her hip, but it was not known whether her death was caused by foul play.

Vogel was the mother of three and was completing her education as a business economics major. A memorial bell ringing service was held for Vogel Jan. 31.



Students remember John Davison after his memorial service Dec. 11. Davison passed away after his meningitis spread to his bloodstream. *photo by Amanda Byler*

by Ann Harmon

## TRAGIC ENDING IN EASTON

Hearings begin for a 15-year-old's alleged murderer in puzzling trial leaving friends and family asking 'why'

Community members were left looking for answers in December with the abduction of an Easton, Mo. girl.

Sarah McCoy was first presumed abducted Dec. 3, when her father arrived at home to find her backpack in the house, the front door open and her keys and portable compact disc player in the front yard. She had been last seen getting off her school bus at 3:45 p.m.

In a rally of support, more than 150 community members gathered to search for the 15-year-old. Two days later, the search ended when her body was found near a creek bed off Missouri State Route 55.

Gathering in remembrance McCoy's funeral was held at East Buchanan High School, where she attended. Over 400 people attended the service.

After putting her to rest, the case continued. In the search for her assailant, a 16-year-old boy was charged Dec. 7 with McCoy's abduction.

Jan. 25, authorities dropped the abduction charge, discussing the possibility of replacing it with kidnapping and second degree murder. Buchanan County Circuit Judge Patrick Robb decided that the boy could be tried as an adult.

In a quick turn of events, authorities in St. Joseph released the suspect. Buchanan County Prosecuting Attorney, Dwight Scroggins, chose to release the youth, stating authorities lacked evidence needed to proceed with an adult criminal trial.

According to Scroggins, the release did not mean the youth was innocent. Scroggins did state he was not the only suspect in the case.

On Feb. 13 the youth's name was released. With lab results as backing, Zachariah Tripp was arrested based on tests showing McCoy spent time in Tripp's car before her murder.



After Sarah's brother's high school graduation Sarah McCoy joins her mom Michelle, brother Kyle and Father George for a family picture. Family and friends mourned the death of the 15-year-old. *photo provided by Kyle McCoy*

Cornstalks were found under Tripp's vehicle on the day of McCoy's abduction. This led authorities to believe Tripp was involved because her body was found near a cornfield.

A preliminary hearing was scheduled for March to review evidence in the crime and Tripp's alleged involvement. If convicted, Tripp would face up to life in prison.

#### April 9

American Airlines' parent company acquired bankrupt Trans World Airlines, becoming America's No. 1 carrier.

#### April 11

Several days after a black man was shot by a white police officer in Cincinnati, Mayor Charles Luken declared a state of emergency and imposed a curfew to halt riots.

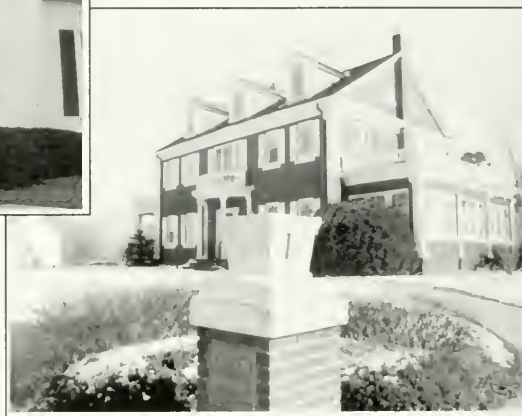
#### April 30

-A Russian spacecraft carrying the first space tourist, American Dennis Tito, docked with the international space station.  
-On the same day intern Chandra Levy was last seen at a health club near her apartment in Washington, D.C. before vanishing.



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Sarah McCoy was first presumed abducted Dec. 3, when her father arrived at home to find her backpack in the house, the front door open and her keys and portable compact disc player in the front yard. She had been last seen getting off her school bus at 3:45 p.m.

In a rally of support, more than 150 community members gathered to search for the 15-year-old. Two days later, the search ended when her body was found near a creek bed off Missouri State Route VV.

Gathering in remembrance McCoy's funeral was held at East Buchanan High School, where she attended. Over 400 people attended the service.

After putting her to rest, the case continued. In the search for her assailant, a 16-year-old boy was charged Dec. 7 with McCoy's abduction.

Jan. 25, authorities dropped the abduction charge, discussing the possibility of replacing it with kidnapping and second degree murder. Buchanan County Circuit Judge Patrick Robb decided that the boy could be tried as an adult.

In a quick turn of events, authorities in St. Joseph released the suspect. Buchanan County Prosecuting Attorney, Dwight Scroggins, chose to release the youth, stating authorities lacked evidence needed to proceed with an adult criminal trial.

According to Scroggins, the release did not mean the youth was innocent. Scroggins did state he was not the only suspect in the case.

On Feb. 13 the youth's name was released. With lab results as backing, Zachariah Tripp was arrested based on tests showing McCoy spent time in Tripp's car before her murder.



After Sarah's brother's high school graduation Sarah McCoy joins her mom Michelle, brother Kyle and Father George for a family picture. Family and friends mourned the death of the 15-year-old. photo provided by Kyle McCoy

Cornstalks were found under Tripp's vehicle on the day of McCoy's abduction. This led authorities to believe Tripp was involved because her body was found near a cornfield.

A preliminary hearing was scheduled for March to review evidence in the crime and Tripp's alleged involvement. If convicted, Tripp would face up to life in prison.

#### April 9

American Airlines' parent company acquired bankrupt Trans World Airlines, becoming America's No. 1 carrier.

#### April 11

Several days after a black man was shot by a white police officer in Cincinnati, Mayor Charles Luken declared a state of emergency and imposed a curfew to halt riots.

#### April 30

-A Russian spacecraft carrying the first space tourist, American Dennis Tito, docked with the international space station. -On the same day intern Chandra Levy was last seen at a health club near her apartment in Washington, D.C. before vanishing.

by Trisha Thompson

## ECONOMIC STATE REMAINS TOP CONCERN

**Recession, unemployment and layoffs create problems as government attempts to improve nation's economy and handle the downward spiral in business affairs**

Dipping into recession and rising unemployment, the year 2001 left the economy in a whirlwind.

Reductions in spending by the federal government attempted to ease the strained economy and corporations who were hit with rapidly declining incomes. By March 2001, economists declared an economic recession, with corporate profits entering their steepest decline in years and unemployment hitting a six-year high.

Attempting to reboot the economy, the Federal Reserve cut interest rates seven times in eight months hoping to prevent a recession. Hopes were crushed after the Sept. 11 tragedy when businesses of every kind saw buyers disappear.

"It's (Sept. 11) clearly had a large impact," John Baker said, associate professor of accounting, economics and finance. "The resulting security costs and all of that will continue to be a drag on the economy."

Quick, sharp, interest-rate cuts kept mortgage-rates low, spurring home sales. Many homeowners jumped at the chance to refinance mortgages, lower monthly payments and free up spending cash.

Low rates also allowed U.S. carmakers to jolt sales with big incentives throughout 2001 and launched a zero-percent financing bonanza that sent sales soaring after Sept. 11. While interest rates skyrocketed, so did unemployment.

Fallout from the terrorist attacks eliminated approximately 1.6 million jobs in major U.S. cities. Economists forecasted a rise in the nation's unemployment rate to 5.8 percent. Many companies coped with the recession by



Traders and clerks work at the Chicago Mercantile Exchange Jan. 30 after the Federal Open Market Committee made its first announcement of the year on short-term interest rates. The Euro dollar contract was a benchmark for U.S. short-term rates. Photo by Tim Boyle/Getty Images

cutting production, trimming hours and laying-off workers.

The Bush administration tried several different tax breaks in an attempt to stimulate the economy and turn around the unemployment numbers.

As the largest tax rebate program in history, \$17 billion were sent to American taxpayers last summer. Bush hoped people would spend the rebates, and in turn, spur the economy and was joined by retailers, travel agents, banks, clerics and charities who all wanted a piece of the money.

Another tax break initiated by Congress called for a one-month payroll tax holiday

where no Social Security taxes were taken out of payroll checks.

Baker disagreed with Bush's stimulus package and tax breaks.

"His tax cuts are all generated toward the supply side," Baker said. "But there's no demand. His answer is to cut taxes of rich. That's the only platform he seems to understand. He's saying there is only one answer, to cut taxes of the rich. That's not a stimulus plan. He needs to create a demand."

Even after both tax breaks, the nation sunk deeper into recession while consumers and politicians attempted to ease the economy out of its slump.

### May 16

-Former FBI agent Robert Hansen was indicted on charges of spying for Moscow.  
-Fourteen-year-old Florida boy, Nathaniel Brazill, was convicted of second-degree murder in the shooting death of his teacher.  
-Charlie Robertson, the mayor of York, Pa., said he will surrender to face murder charges arising from 1969 race riots.

### May 19

Utah polygamist Tom Green was convicted of bigamy and criminal nonsupport. The 53-year-old Mormon fundamentalist, who had five wives and 30 children, was sentenced to five years in prison on Aug. 24 in Utah's biggest polygamy case in nearly 50 years.

### May 24

Sen. James Jeffords of Vermont left the Republican Party to become an Independent, tilting Senate control to the Democrats.



## Bankruptcy turns off business "blue light" specials

Debt began a devastating downward spiral for a once prominent business early in the year.

Kmart, a discount store chain, filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy on Jan. 22, providing the corporation with court protection from creditors.

Reportedly, the filing was the largest retail bankruptcy in history. Kmart's assets added up to \$16.3 billion, its liabilities \$11.3 billion. Kmart owed \$78 million to the food company Fleming Co., who suspended shipment to stores until further notice.

The 2001 holiday season proved poor for Kmart, who tried lowering prices to compete with other similar discount chains. Studies and polls showed customers ranked Kmart below both Wal-Mart and Target.

Several strategies were used to try and compete. Kmart changed some of its stores' formats in 1997, introducing a larger store, Big Kmart, complete with a grocery section. Despite the adjustments they continued to lose money. CEO Charles Conaway decided to cut prices on all items, trying to match the No. 1 discount chain Wal-Mart. When Wal-Mart lowered its prices again, Kmart could not compete.

Kmart planned to reorganize its finances, as well as evaluate and assess all 2,114 stores by the end of the first quarter of 2002. Those that had the least profit would be cut from

y Kat Vorkink

## Court drops monopoly accusations against Microsoft

The U.S. Government abandoned its case against Microsoft's monopoly and instead created restraints on the company's designs and marketing strategies.

Assistant Attorney General Charles A. James of the Justice Department's antitrust division said they were not backing down when they dropped Microsoft's case Sept. 6. The appeals court did uphold the case contending that there was an illegal monopoly of Microsoft's operating-system software for personal computers. Judges also affirmed that Microsoft had illegally made their own Java programming language incompatible



A Kmart sign hangs above the store Aug. 10 in New York City. Kmart lost ground to rival Wal-Mart Stores Inc. in the battle to attract bargain-minded shoppers amidst a recession of the U.S. economy. Photo by Mario Tama/Getty Images

the chain's collection of stores.

Kmart remained open until the corporate office completed the evaluation process on the financial status of each business.

with other companies.

New strategies focused on the conduct of the company, rather than its structure. This required Microsoft to let other corporations make and market competing versions of Windows. They would not be able to participate in exclusive deal-making or discriminatory pricing.

After the decision was made, the Justice Department and state officials decided to end proceedings on another charge, alleging Microsoft had illegally tied Internet Explorer to the Windows operating system. Regulations continue to be created.

### June 1

A suicide bomber attacked a Tel Aviv nightclub, killing himself and 16 Israelis. On the same day the king, queen and seven other members of Nepal's royal family were slain by a crown prince in a palace shooting.

### June 11

Timothy McVeigh was executed by lethal injection at the federal prison in Terre Haute, Ind., for the Oklahoma City bombing. He was the first federal prisoner executed in 38 years.

## Those who have passed

- Claude Shannon** April 30, 1916-Feb. 24, 2001 (information theorist) Invented binary code and bits. *Mathematical Theory of Communication*. Died of Alzheimer's Disease.
- Leopold Page** 1914-March 9, 2001 (leathergoods retailer/historian) Told Hollywood the story of how Oskar Schindler saved his family and 1,000 other Jews, and advisor to the movie *Schindler's List*. Died of natural causes.
- Morton Downey, Jr.** Dec. 9, 1933-March 12, 2001 (talk show host) Had half a lung. Died of lung disease.
- John Phillips** Aug. 30, 1935-March 18, 2001 (singer) Founded the Mamas and the Papas. Died of heart failure.
- Norma MacMillan** 1921-March 21, 2001 (cartoon voice) Voice of Casper and Sweet Polly Purebred, mother of Alison Argrimg (*Little House on the Prairie*). Died of a heart attack.
- William Hanna** July 14, 1910-March 22, 2001 (cartoon creator) Directed cartoons including *Huckleberry Hound*, *The Flintstones* and *The Jetsons*, partner of Joseph Barbara. Died of natural causes.
- David Graf** April 16, 1950-April 7, 2001 (actor) Played Tackleberry in the *Police Academy* movies. Died of a heart attack.
- Harvey R. Ball** 1921-April 12, 2001 (graphic designer) Created the famous smiley face in 1963 doing work for an insurance company, he made \$45. Died of natural causes.
- Cliff Hillegass** 1917-May 5, 2001 (businessman) Immortalized as the man who invented "Cliffs Notes." Died of natural causes.
- Douglas Adams** March 11, 1952-May 11, 2001 (comic writer) Wrote *Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*. Died of a heart attack.
- Perry Como** April 22, 1939-May 12, 2001 (singer) Helped pioneer variety shows on television in the 1950s. Died from natural causes.
- Jason Miller** April 22, 1939-May 13, 2001 (playwright/actor) Wrote *That Championship Season* and starred in *The Exorcist*. Died of a heart attack.
- Patricia Hilliard Robertson** March 12, 1963-May 24, 2001 (astronaut) Physician, pilot and astronaut. Died while testing an experimental aircraft.
- Hank Ketcham** March 14, 1920-June 1, 2001 (cartoonist) Creator of *Dennis the Menace*. Died of heart disease.
- John Lee Hooker** Aug. 22, 1917-June 21, 2001 (bluesman) Known as the "Father of Boogie." Died of natural causes.
- Carroll O'Connor** Aug. 2, 1924-June 21, 2001 (actor) Acted in television's *In the Heat of the Night* and *All in the Family*. Died of a heart attack.
- Jack Lemmon** Feb. 8, 1925-June 27, 2001 (actor) Played Felix in the movie version of *The Odd Couple* and starred in 98 movies, many with Walter Matthau. Died of cancer.
- Katharine Graham** June 16, 1917-July 17, 2001 (publisher) Head of *The Washington Post Co.* for many years. Died from complications from a fall.
- Christopher Hewett** April 1921-Aug. 3, 2001 (actor) Played Mr. Belvedere in television series. Died from complications of diabetes.
- Sir Fred Hoyle** June 24, 1915-Aug. 20, 2001 (astronomer, science fiction writer) One of the last adherents of the "steady state" theory and coined the term "big bang" to describe the creation of the universe. Died of a stroke.

by Trisha Thompson

## PLOT THICKENS INSIDE ENRON FIASCO

Investigation continues to twist and turn through a maze of evidence, hearings and controversy in one of the biggest scandals involving corporate America's business practices

Investigations into document shredding, accounting practices and death followed after Enron, a Houston-based energy-trading company, filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy.

Leaving employees without jobs and retirement savings, Enron filed for protection Dec. 2, making it the biggest corporate bankruptcy in U.S. history.

Controversy surrounding Enron began when top executives cashed more than \$1 billion in company stock in August 2000. About 600 selective Enron employees received more than \$100 million in bonuses in November.

The company also used complex partnerships to keep \$500 million in debt disguised so it could continue with business.

At Northwest, students and faculty were shocked when Enron was exposed. Jennifer Romada said news of the Enron investigation was disheartening.

"You realize that corruption occurs at a corporate level," Romada said. "They went through a whole bunch of loopholes to be able to do this."

Professor of accounting, economics and finance, Mark Jelavich, said Enron's bankruptcy was surprising.

"I think it became more alarming at the extent that the auditors were involved," Jelavich said.

Enron generously contributed to political campaigns in 2000. Producing more than \$500,000 in campaign funds, they were the largest group of contributors to George W. Bush's campaign. The Bush administration had top advisors and officials involved with Enron.

Many critics thought Enron had legislative pull in the White House. The General



**Former Enron Chairman Kenneth Lay** raises his right hand as he is sworn in before the Senate Committee on Commerce Science and Transportation Feb. 12 in Washington, D.C. Lay executed his fifth amendment right and refused to testify before the Senate Committee that was investigating the collapse of the Enron Corporation. photo by Mark Wilson/Getty Images

Accounting Office sued the White House attempting to force the release of information concerning its energy task force, on which the GAO believed Enron had an undue influence.

Connections with Enron had other ramifications for a former Enron executive who was found dead inside a car with a gun shot wound in a suburb of Houston. The police ruled J. Clifford Baxter's death as an apparent suicide; however, police awaited test

results on physical evidence collected at the scene.

Although Enron reorganized its finances with the help from the government and other companies, their future was unclear.

Involved with allegations of paper shredding in the Anderson Accounting Firm has not helped their cause. Both businesses continue to be under investigation for their actions.

June 20

New York native Lori Berenson was convicted in Peru of collaborating with rebels and was sentenced to 20 years in prison.

Andrea Yates was arrested in Houston after telling police she drowned her five children.

July 2

Robert Tools received the world's first self-contained artificial heart in Louisville, Ky. He died on Nov. 30 from organ complications not related to his heart transplant.

Aug. 9

President Bush approved federal funding only for existing lines of embryonic stem cells.

## Disappearance of intern puzzles investigators

A California congressman found himself in the middle of a scandal when an intern mysteriously disappeared.

Chandra Levy, a 24-year-old intern at the Federal Bureau of Prisons in Wash., D.C., was last seen April 30, at a Washington gym. Levy had planned to move back to her home in Modesto, Calif., but never made it there.

California Congressman Gary Condit was accused of having an affair with Levy before her disappearance. Denying the accusations, it was not until the fourth interview with police that Condit admitted his relationship with Levy was more than professional.

Condit claimed the last time he saw Levy was April 24, when the two discussed future plans.

Investigators were not able to link the congressman with Levy's disappearance.

After the disappearance, Condit attempted to stop a flight attendant from giving investigators information claiming that she also had an affair with Condit. Claiming their relationship started in 2000, the flight attendant said the relationship did not end until she found out about Levy's disappearance. Condit faced possible

by Ann Harmon

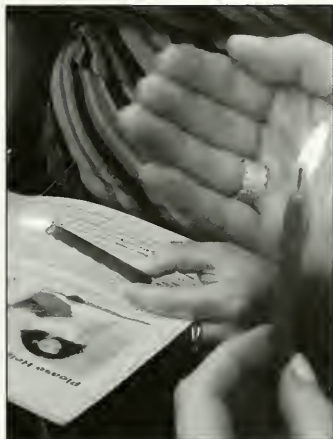
## Medical research sparks debate in ethical research

Controversy quickly erupted when discussion began involving the ethics of stem cell research.

President George W. Bush's declaration that research on certain strands of stem cells could receive federal funding sparked debate. Researchers argued that the strands qualified for the funding, only about one third were viable for studies.

Advocators of stem cell research were excited about possibilities these strands could offer health patients. Strong evidence revealed stem cells could help in finding a cure for illnesses such as Alzheimer's, juvenile diabetes and Parkinson's disease.

Other advancements came from the research of James Thomson, biologist at the



A flyer distributed by the family and friends of missing 24-year-old Chandra Levy is held during a candlelight vigil May 19, 2001 in Washington, D.C. Levy, who disappeared April 30, 2001, had just completed an internship with the Federal Bureau of Prisons and is considered a missing person by police. photo by Alex Wong/Getty Images

obstruction of justice charges. The search continued for Levy, as authorities still had no leads in the case.

University of Wisconsin-Madison. He transformed stem cells into blood cells, a possible use in future blood transfusions.

Researchers in Florida found ways to use them in repairing injured spinal cords. The Florida universities were potential sites for specialized stem cell producing labs.

Opposition came from anti-abortionists arguing stem cell research was unethical, but did think using adult stem cells was acceptable. Much of this research stopped after officials banned human cloning.

While fetus stem cell growth was banned, moral issues made lawmakers reluctant to take a definite side on the issue.

Research still continued as both sides debated the issue.

## Those who have passed

- Aaliyah Dana Houghton** Jan. 16, 1979-Aug. 25, 2001 (singer/actress) She was to have appeared in the next two Matrix movies and was a popular hip hop singer. Died in a plane crash.
- Christian Barnard** Nov. 8, 1922-Sept. 2, 2001 (surgeon) Performed the first heart transplant in South Africa in 1967. Died of an asthma attack.
- Troy Donahue** Jan. 27, 2001-Sept. 2, 2001 (actor) Teen heart throb of the early 1960s. Died from a heart attack.
- David Angell** 1948-Sept. 11, 2001 (producer) Executive producer of *Frasier*. Died in the terrorist attacks.
- Barbara Olson** 1956-Sept. 11, 2001 (political commentator) Former congressional investigator who called her husband twice while on hijacked plane to relay details. Died in terrorist attacks.
- Victor Wong** July 30, 1927-Sept. 12, 2001 (actor/newscaster) Renaissance man who found fame playing wise Chinese men in the movies such as *Big Trouble in Little China*. Died from heart failure.
- Emilie Schindler** Oct. 22, 1907-Oct. 5, 2001 (humanitarian) Wife of Oskar Schindler, who helped save 1,000 Jews during WWII. Died from effects of a stroke.
- Ken Kesey** Sept. 17, 1935-Nov. 10, 2001 (author) Wrote *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* and was one of the Merry Pranksters. Died of liver cancer.
- Albert Hague** Oct. 13, 1920-Nov. 12, 2001 (actor, composer) Played the teacher on *Fame* and composed the music for *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*. Died of cancer.
- Carrie Donovan** March 22, 1928-Nov. 12, 2001 (editor/Old Navy icon) Well-known fashion editor who became famous in Old Navy commercials with her big glasses and little dog. Died of natural causes.
- Mary Kay Ash** May 12, 1918-Nov. 22, 2001 (businesswoman) Started Mary Kay cosmetics company. Died of natural causes.
- George Harrison** Feb. 25, 1943-Nov. 29, 2001 (musician) Known as the quiet Beatle, he had individual success with "My Sweet Lord." Died of brain cancer.
- Eileen Heckart** March 29, 1919-Dec. 31, 2001 (actress) Acted in *Butterflies Are Free* and played Aunt Flo in the *Mary Tyler Moore Show*. Died of cancer.
- Dave Thomas** July 2, 1932-Jan. 8, 2002 (commercial icon/businessman) Started the Wendy's fast food chain and appeared in hundreds of commercials. Died of cancer.
- Ted Demme** Oct. 26, 1963-Jan. 14, 2002 (director) Directed *Beautiful Girls* and *Blow*. Died of heart attack in cocaine overdose.
- Carrie Hamilton** Dec. 5, 1963-Jan. 21, 2002 (actress/writer) Co-wrote the play *Hollywood Arms* with her mother Carol Burnett. Died of cancer.
- Peggy Lee** May 26, 1920-Jan. 21, 2002 (singer) Famous for the song "Is That All There Is?" Died of a heart attack.
- Astrid Lindgren** Nov. 14, 1907-Jan. 28, 2002 (writer) Wrote *Pippi Longstocking* and other children's books. Died of natural causes.
- Princess Margaret of England** Aug. 21, 1930-Feb. 9, 2002 (royalty) Countess of Snowdon and sister to Elizabeth, queen of England. Died from a series of strokes.
- Waylon Jennings** June 15, 1937-Feb. 13, 2002 (country singer) Famous singer, also sung the theme song to *Dukes of Hazard*. Died of diabetes.

### Aug. 13

Ford Motor Co. agreed to settle for a \$1 billion lawsuit that alleged its cars and trucks stall because of defective ignition switches. Jacques Nasser is removed as CEO of Ford Motor Co. on Oct. 30.

### Aug. 20

Nikolay Soltys, a 27-year-old Ukrainian immigrant living in Sacramento, Calif., fled after killing his wife and five other relatives. He was captured 10 days later.



by Kat Vorkink



Rudolph Giuliani, mayor of New York and a potential Republican candidate for the Senate, listens to speakers during a ceremony at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial May 18, 2000 in New York City. Giuliani was named "Person of the Year" by *Time* Magazine. photo by Chris Hondros/Newsweek

## NEW YORK CITY'S 'MAN'

Magazine recognizes impact of one mayor's leadership role

As the Twin Towers of the World Trade crumbled to the ground in a horrific attack, one man stood as a pillar of strength for his city and was named "Person of the Year."

Mayor Rudolph Giuliani recently completed his duties as mayor of New York City and was selected to receive the great honor from *Time* magazine. Recognition was based on his actions following the events of Sept. 11.

Giuliani, however, stated that the people of New York inspired him. In his opinion they were the people of the year, the reason he was awarded the title. Because of their efforts and strength, the city pulled together.

After the terrorist attacks, Giuliani scheduled meeting times with many of the victims' family members around the city. He encouraged workers at ground zero and took on the crucial

role as decision-maker in a number of critical areas.

Working hard to support the people of New York, Giuliani was their strength. When French President Jacques Chirac visited the city, he dubbed Giuliani "Rudy the Rock."

In *Time* magazine's issue of "Person of the Year," Giuliani said, "When I gave my talk, I said, 'I was very tired when I got here, but I have a great deal of energy now because of you.' I realized that one of the ways I could get through this is by going to services. They make me feel useful. They're heart-breaking, but inspirational. I see families and think, if they can do it, you can do it."

Taking on a tremendous leadership role, Giuliani brought a city together in the midst of a tragedy.

### Aug. 23

-A Frenchman using a motor-driven parachute was arrested after becoming snagged on the Statue of Liberty.

-Rep. Gary Condit denied any involvement in Chandra Levy's disappearance.

### Sept. 1

-Little League officials stripped a Bronx team of its third-place trophy after determining that pitcher Danny Almonte was 14, not 12.

-An explosion and fire killed 44 at a Tokyo gambling parlor

### Sept. 6

The Justice Department said it would no longer seek the breakup of Microsoft. Almost two months later, Microsoft and the Justice Department reached a tentative deal to settle the antitrust case.

## In the News

### Closure for families in Oklahoma City bombing

At 7:14 a.m. on a summer day, a convicted killer of 168 citizens was pronounced dead in front of an audience.

Timothy McVeigh was executed July 11, while 200 family members of the victims watched on closed-circuit television.

Sentenced to death for the April 19, 1995 bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City, McVeigh was convicted of 11 counts of murder, conspiracy and use of a weapon of mass destruction.

Before the lethal injection, McVeigh said nothing, but presented a copy in his own handwriting of an 1875 poem, *Invictus*. This served as McVeigh's final words.

McVeigh's attorneys tried to secure a "stay" for him, but in June a judge found no substantial grounds to base one on. The case was not appealed again.

### Third time's a charm in basketball icon's return

At the age of 39, one of basketball's best was returning to the game that made him legendary.

Michael Jordan announced his comeback to NBA basketball with the Washington Wizards. Continuing to be a force, Jordan became the fourth player in NBA history to score a total 30,000 points throughout his career. The final point earning his spot in the history books was made against the Chicago Bulls.

Midway through his 14<sup>th</sup> season, Jordan averaged just under 30 points a game and led the Wizards to their first .500 season since the 1997-98 season.

Contracted for \$1 million, Jordan announced his first two season salaries would be donated to relief and rescue agencies helping victims in the Sept. 11 attacks.

### Trial begins for drowning of five children in Houston

Accused of murdering her children, a mother of five claimed it was the result of mental illness. Andrea Yates was charged with drowning all five of her children in Houston after she called the police and later confessed to the murders.

With a history of mental illness, the defense hoped to use an insanity plea in the case. Yates had been treated for postpartum depression after delivering her fourth and fifth child.

Even with evidence of this mental instability, Yates was found mentally fit to face a capital murder charge. The trial started Feb. 18. Andrea Yates could face the death penalty if found guilty.



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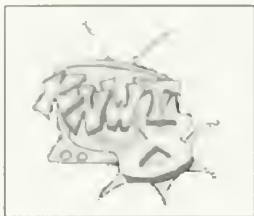
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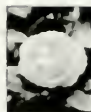
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## In the News

### Celebration of life in honor of heroic husband

The Sept. 11 attacks devastated America, but one mother of three was able to live in peace again.

Lisa Beamer lost her husband, Todd, on Flight 93 after it was hijacked by terrorists. After a call to GTE, Supervisor Lisa Jefferson revealed three other planes had crashed into buildings. Todd told Jefferson he and some other passengers were going to try to overtake the terrorists.

The last words Jefferson heard Todd say were, "Let's roll." Flight 93 crashed at 9:58 a.m. in a Pennsylvania field.

Just as Jefferson promised, she called Beamer and relayed Todd's heroic actions. Jefferson told Beamer Todd was thinking of her and their sons before he died.

Determined to move forward with her life, Beamer who was still pregnant, boarded a flight with the same airline her husband was on shortly after his death. Beamer wanted to make a statement against fear and terrorism.

Because of her strength and ability to move forward without hatred, Beamer was selected as one of *People Magazine's* "25 Most Intriguing People for 2001."

Faith and support from family and friends helped Beamer through her tragic loss. In January, she gave birth to daughter Morgan Kay.

### Florida boy completes suicide mission in plane

A high school freshman went on a suicide mission in support of the terrorist attacks.

Fifteen-year-old Charles Bishop crashed a plane into the 28th floor of the Bank of America Building in downtown Tampa, Fla.

Declaring support for al Qaeda and Osama bin Laden in his suicide note, he said the United States should be punished.

During his flight lesson Jan. 5 at the National Aviation Academy flight school, he proceeded to take a Cessna 172R, a smaller plane, up for flight.

He traveled from the St. Petersburg-Clearwater International Airport toward Tampa, passing over restricted airspace at MacDill Air Force Base.

Two minutes later, Bishop crashed into the building. No one was injured or killed in the crash except Bishop.

Classmates and teachers at East Lake High School in Palm Harbor, Fla. said Bishop was a quiet student who, before the incident, had never caused any trouble.

by Mandy Lauck

## TECHNOLOGY PREVENTS TERRORISM

Extensive delays, long lines and security checks dramatically changed American air travel and the business procedures in the mailing system.

Airlines began to develop new baggage screening techniques at the nations' airports. BodySearch was a new security measure that supplemented luggage scanners and metal detectors. BodySearch used scanners, probes and sniffing mechanisms as people moved toward the plane.

Another device proposed was surveillance cameras that scanned faces and fed images to a computer. These pictures were examined by a database of digital mug shots for a match. Other cameras could match iris, hand or fingerprints to each person.

The biggest gain in security was the potential of smart cards. Identification cards with memory chips placed in them would store personal data and track the movements and transactions a person made.

Stephanie Ewing traveled two weeks after the attacks and felt uncomfortable at the airport.

"I was very nervous when I was at the airport," said Ewing. "The news on TV was the main thing that scared me. The security was also real tight and intimidating."

Extra security was brought into airports to help with the chaos. Any signs of the unusual were taken with a number of precautions.

"Any little piece of metal set the metal detectors off would freak out the security and they treated you like a criminal," said Ewing. "They made you go with them if they felt suspicious."

Another addition to airport security installed after Sept. 11 was the federal government



Members of a biohazard team wait to enter the Hart Senate Office Building Nov. 7, 2001 on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. The Hart Building remained closed since an anthrax tainted letter was sent to Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle's office. photo by Alex Wong/Getty Images

taking over security at the airports. United States officials replaced screeners from private security companies such as Argenbright Security.

In the mailing system, technology was also used as precautions against anthrax. Weighing packages and the Anthrax Vaccine was given to postal workers in the midst of the scare. Other safety measures included using gloves and wearing masks.

Security was revamped to include these new technologies in hopes of making the nation more secure.

#### Sept. 27

-President Bush announced a plan to bolster airline security with the use of federal marshals on planes.

-Congress and Bush administration reached a deal on \$15 billion plan to help the airline industry.

#### Sept. 29

-President Bush planned to activate up to 50,000 National Guardsmen and reservists.

-The National Guard was deployed at airports to bolster security.

#### Oct. 1

-The U.S. Supreme Court suspended former President Bill Clinton from practicing before the high court.

-President Bush said \$6 million in assets are blocked and 50 bank accounts are frozen as countries join the effort to stop the flow of money to terrorists.

by Ann Harmon

## STORY ENDS IN TRAGEDY

**Reporters at the *Wall Street Journal* mourn the loss of one of their own**

While on assignment in Pakistan, a 38-year-old *Wall Street Journal* reporter was kidnapped. Not sure if the reporter was alive or dead, his colleagues and wife pleaded for his safe return.

Daniel Pearl, an established reporter and journalist for over 11 years, was kidnapped Jan. 23 after he was scheduled to meet with Sheik Mubarak Ali Shan Gilani, a Muslim cleric.

Pearl was working on a story that linked Pakistani groups with Richard Reid, who was accused of attempting to blow up an American Airlines jet with explosives in his shoes.

Pleading with his captors to release the reporter, Pearl's pregnant wife, Mariane, said Pearl was an objective reporter and could write about their cause if he was released. Killing him, she said, would only take away from their message.

Threats were sent via e-mail to newsrooms around the world stating Pearl would be assassinated within 24 hours, and other U.S. journalists would suffer the same, if they did not leave Pakistan within three days. The e-mail showed a picture of Pearl handcuffed with a gun to his head.

Officials traced the e-mail back to a computer in Pakistan and arrested Gilani and two other men in connection with the abduction. Gilani claimed he was innocent and had nothing to do with Pearl's kidnapping.

The FBI said that they received a videotape on Feb. 21, which gave them reason to believe that Pearl was dead. United States



*Wall Street Journal* reporter Daniel Pearl is seen in this picture sent to news media organizations by his kidnappers. Pearl, a 38-year-old American, was abducted in Karachi, Pakistan Jan. 23 by a group calling itself "The National Movement for the Restoration of Pakistani Sovereignty." U.S. President George W. Bush said Feb. 1 that his administration will follow all leads that may lead to the Pearl's rescue. photo by CNN/Getty Images

government denounced the killing and Pearl's newspaper called it an "act of barbarism."

Key suspect in the case, Ahmed Omar Saeed Sheikh awaited the outcome of the March 5

hearing with the High Court in its petition to extradite the man who admitted to orchestrating the plot. He was not under oath when he admitted involvement.

### Oct. 5

Tabloid photo editor Bob Stevens was the first person in the United States to die from anthrax since 1976. During the next month of anthrax scares, four other people died from the inhaled form of the bacteria as tainted letters find their way through the mail system, on the desks of politicians and in newsrooms.

### Oct. 5-6

Cal Ripken played his final baseball game in the major leagues and Barry Bonds broke Mark McGwire's record by hitting his 71st home run of the season and finished the year with 73 homers.

### Oct. 7

The United States and Britain launched military strikes in Afghanistan against the ruling Taliban and al-Qaida. In a videotaped statement aired after the air strikes, Osama bin Laden praised Allah for the Sept. 11 attacks.

# SECURITY STIFFENS WITH ANOTHER TERRORIST THREAT

## Attempted shoe bomb creates potential for airline disaster

Ann Harmon

As Americans became accustomed to tighter airport security regulations, an attempt to bring down another Boeing jet dealt the nation one more shock.

On Dec. 21, Richard Reid, alleged shoe bomber, attempted to down a Boeing jet by lighting plastic explosives hidden in the soles of his shoes. Several passengers and flight attendants subdued the would-be bomber while the plane made an emergency landing in Boston, where Reid was promptly arrested. Passengers and flight attendants restrained Reid before the potentially fatal bomb was set off.

The plane was averted from its original destination of Miami and landed safely in Boston. He was arrested and kept under close watch at a prison in Plymouth, Mass. Reid pleaded innocent and faced five life sentences in prison if convicted.



Alleged shoe bomber Richard Reid is shown in this Dec. 24, 2001 police photograph. photo Courtesy Plymouth County Jail/Getty Images

# MIDDLE EASTERN CONFLICT SPARKED WITH BOMBINGS

Ann Harmon

Middle Eastern conflict escalated when a series of suicide bombings ignited another wave of terror. In two days, three acts of terrorism exploded in the streets of Jerusalem.

A double suicide bombing Dec. 1 at the Ben-Zion Ben-Yehuda pedestrian mall in downtown Jerusalem killed 10 and wounded 100 shortly before midnight. Twenty minutes later, a car bomb went off near the scene.

Violence continued when 15 Israelis were killed Dec. 2. A bomber detonated a explosive strapped to his waist after boarding a crowded bus No. 16 that was traveling on the Ben-Zion Bridge in the Hadar district. The Hamas, a radical group, and the militant Muslim group Islamic Jihad claimed responsibility for the explosion.

Marking one of the most violent periods of

a 14-month Palestinian clash, the attacks severed any prospect of reviving stalled Middle Eastern peace talks.

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat condemned the attacks, declared a state of emergency and ordered arrests of terrorists belonging to Hamas and Islamic Jihad.

In response to the suicide bombings, an invasion was launched against Muslim militant resistance. Israel assassinated about 60 militants, claiming they were involved in, or planned, attacks in Israel.

In January, President Bush said that he was disappointed in Arafat because he had not taken a stronger stance against terrorism.

Palestinians rallied around their leader, gathering Jan. 26 in Bethlehem to show their solidarity. Arafat promised to continue working toward peace.

## In the News

### Questions arise in loyalty of American man

After Sept. 11, the hunt began for those involved in terrorism. In the midst of capturing suspects, an American was found fighting for the other side.

According to *USA Today*, John Walker Lindt, a 20-year-old from Northern California, got involved with the Taliban when he went to Yemen to study Arabic while he was a teen. He was introduced to the Taliban cause and joined the foreign forces trained and funded by Osama bin Laden.

After fighting with Pakistanis against Indian control in Kashmir, Walker returned to Afghanistan where he was located when the U.S. began bombing the city Kunduz. Involved in violence against some U.S. troops, Walker was identified as an American citizen.

Walker's capture in November led to charges of conspiring to kill Americans, providing material to support Osama bin Laden's al-Qaeda terrorist network and engaging in prohibited transactions with the Taliban.

In a poll done by *USA Today*, *CNN* and *Gallup*, 60 percent of the responders thought Walker should be charged with treason, which could mean the death penalty. Thirty-three percent agreed that he should have charges against him that would send him to prison for life.

Northwest students had different ideas as to what should happen to Walker.

"He may be an American citizen, but everyone is entitled to their own opinion," Sara Begley said. "That's what this country is founded on."

Some students agreed, but preferred to judge the situation on their personal beliefs.

"It's one of those touchy things because it's a religious and political matter," Janelle Malewski said. "It's a lot of personal judgment when it comes down to a person taking another person's life."

Despite the opinions, defense lawyer James Brosnahan stated Walker was innocent until proven guilty. Walker faced trial Aug. 26 and pleaded not guilty. If convicted, he would be sentenced to three life terms, plus 90 years in prison.

Oct. 18

Four defendants were convicted in New York for involvement in the 1998 bombings of two U.S. embassies in Africa.

Oct. 26

American Red Cross President Bernadine Healy announced her resignation soon after an outcry develops when it was discovered she decided not all of the money collected for the Liberty Fund would be directed to Sept. 11 victims. Later, the Red Cross changed its mind, all of the \$543 million in the fund went to the victims

Nov. 12

American Airlines Flight 587 en route to the Dominican Republic crashed near New York's Kennedy airport, killing 265 people.



by Marlisa Carrillo

## EUROPE'S NEW SYSTEM

**Select European countries join together in unifying currency at the start of year**

New Year's Day began a new year and a new universal currency in number of European nations.

The euro became a legal tender at midnight on Jan. 1 when citizens in: Austria, Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Portugal, Spain, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg and the Netherlands agreed to the switch their currency.

These nations composed the European Union, which formed after World War II. The EU housed organizations whose goals focused on a common foreign and security policy for cooperation between participating nations.

Three other remaining nations in the union, Britain, Sweden and Denmark, decided not to accept the new currency. Voters in these countries showed little interest in adopting the euro.

British residents strongly opposed to the universal currency, showed their disfavor by dragging a symbolic coffin to the Bank of England. Attached to the coffin was a message stating the introduction of the euro would be death to the 12 nations.

Since the euro entered mainstream, it remained relatively stable.

According to the European Central Bank President Wim Duisenberg, the switch to the euro went well due to organization and planning.

Using a symbolic design to represent this cooperation, the front side of each bill had images of windows and gateways, while



**Unifying the currency** of 12 countries, the euro created a unified system of money. Britain, Sweden and Denmark still refused to adopt the euro. *photo illustration by Amanda Byler*

the opposite side showed a bridge, a metaphor for the communication between each of the nations.

Euro coins each depicted a common design on one side, while the other side featured an individual design from each member state.

Currency conversion charts listed the euro as equivalent to .88 U.S. dollars and .61972 English pounds.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair said Britain should recognize the new currency, but voters have not approved plans to join the countries in the change over.

## In the News

### Press rights lost in Africa

Zimbabwe passed a bill placing restrictions on information to journalists.

The Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act declared, Jan. 31, that foreigners in Zimbabwe could not have access to news.

President Mugabe's administration was responsible for the bill and officials feared the March elections would be biased due to media restrictions.

Consequences included heavy fines for stories on "protected information." The Law and Order Maintenance Act proclaimed it a criminal offense to run any stories "likely to cause alarm or despondency."

The new bill provoked much controversy among independent newspapers in the country. More than 50 journalists protested the bill; three were arrested. They were released after four hours of investigations.

### Camp X-ray struggles to classify captured detainees

Taliban and al-Qaeda prisoners were held by the United States in Guantanamo Naval Base in Cuba, known as Camp X-Ray.

The White House announced Feb. 7 that Taliban fighters among the Afghan war detainees would be classified under the Geneva Convention, but not as prisoners of war.

U.S. lawmakers classified the detainees as "war criminals" and considered them a danger to society who would kill if set free. Secret U.S. military tribunals could try the prisoners at Camp X-ray with the possibility of the death penalty.

If courts agreed, prisoners would lose their rights guaranteed under the Geneva Convention allowing secret U.S. military tribunals to try prisoners at Camp X-ray with the possibility of the death penalty.

### Economic powerhouse quickly deteriorates

Political upheaval left Argentina teetering on the brink of economic downfall.

Once the second largest economic leader in South America, Argentina's status began to plummet. After going through five presidents in five months, Argentinean officials attempted to deal with economic problems by devaluing their peso, Dec. 1. Officials also limited the amount banks could release per account, per month to \$1,000.

Protesting these decisions, Argentines vandalized banks and set ATMs on fire.

Nov. 13

Afghan opposition forces captured Kabul after Taliban forces abandon the capital. The next day eight foreign aid workers, including two Americans, were freed from Taliban custody after three months of captivity.

Nov. 16

Congress passed the aviation security bill, making airport screeners federal employees.

Nov. 28

Stock in energy-trader Enron plunged after Dynegy backs out of the purchase deal. Four days later Enron filed for bankruptcy protection.

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INTERNATIONAL

by Betsy Lee

## SPIRIT OF THE GAMES

**Broken records, triumphs and heartbreaks set the stage for the Olympic drama**

Flickering in the darkness, the symbol of the Olympic Games grew nearer with each stride. An icon for years of hard work, the flame reflected in the eyes of each athlete as it entered the stadium.

Olympic excitement began Feb. 8 with the opening ceremonies acting as a combination of international celebration and national pride. Patriotic sentiments, spurred by the Sept 11 tragedy, culminated with the presentation of the American flag that was found at the site of the World Trade Center rubble. Carried into the stadium by athletes and New York City firefighters, the tattered flag was presented to the silent crowd of 55,000 spectators.

The silence erupted in cheers when the Olympic torch entered the arena. Former Olympians carried the torch through the stadium, eventually handing it to Mike Eruzione, captain of the 1980 U.S. gold-medal winning hockey team. Eruzione, wearing a U.S. hockey jersey, signaled the rest of his team to join him on the platform. Each team member placed a hand on the torch and lit the Olympic flame together.

With the games officially opened, competition began Feb. 9. Spread throughout 17 days, most of the preliminary events were held Feb. 9 and 10.

The women's 15-kilometer freestyle cross-country race was one of the first events contested as a final. Stefania Belmondo, of Italy, was awarded the first gold medal of the games. Belmondo won the event with a time of 39:54.

In distance speed-skating, American Derek Parra astounded the crowd by placing second



Members from the 1980 U.S. gold medal hockey team prepare to light the torch during the Opening Ceremony of the Salt Lake City Winter Olympic Games. The Ceremony was held at the Rice-Eccles Olympic Stadium Feb. 8. photo by Doug Pensinger/Getty Images

in the men's 5,000 meter race. Parra held the world record in the event for twenty minutes; Jochem Uytendaele, who came away with the gold, broke the record in his heat of the race.

Eighteen-year-old Kelly Clark earned the United States' its first gold medal of the games in the women's half-pipe snowboarding event. Their win set the stage for the men's competition.

Sweeping the men's snowboarding event, Ross Powers, Danny Kass and J.J. Thomas placed first, second and third in the half-pipe, becoming the first U.S. team to ever accomplish the feat.

Another U.S. victory set the standard for Olympic competition. Ending a 46-year medal

drought in the event, Americans Jill Bakken and Vonn Flowers won the gold in the women's Olympic bobsled race with a two-run time of 1:36.76.

With hopes of increasing the medal count, the U.S. women's hockey team went into the final game hoping for gold. The team took the ice with a 35-game winning streak behind them. The Canadian women, who won the game 3-2, snapped the streak Feb. 21.

Drama throughout the Games highlighted unsuspected victories and unpredictable scandals. In the heat of the competition, all athletes contributed to the excitement of the these international games.

### Dec. 1-4

Three suicide bombings by Palestinian militants - the deadliest in four years - killed 27 people and injures more than 200 in Jerusalem and Haifa. The next day Israel declared war on terrorism and retaliates with missile strikes on buildings

### Dec. 5

-Afghan leaders signed a pact to create an interim government  
-On the same day an escaped convict suspected of mailing hundreds of anthrax hoax letters to abortion clinics was captured near Cincinnati.

### Dec. 7

The U.S. unemployment rate jumped to 5.7 percent, the highest in six years.



Ann Harmon

## It all that glitters is not gold

The crowd cheered for Canadian skaters Jamie Sale and David Pelletier as they left the ice after a flawless performance in the pair skating competition Feb. 4. However, the success was short-lived when Russian skaters Elena Berezhnaya and Anton Sikharulidze made an obvious mistake but took the gold medal.

As soon as the scores were revealed, debate over whom deserved the gold medal began. IOC commentators were adamant about the Canadian victory and the crowd booed as the scores came up on the board.

The words "scandal" and "bribery" were thrown around by the media days after the competition. The International Skating Union investigated a possible deal between French judge Marie-Reine Le Gougeon and Russian judges to ensure a French gold medal in the pair skating competition.

In the end, the publicity of the possible scandal led the ISU to award gold medals to both the Russian and Canadian skaters. In



Figure skaters Anton Sikharulidze and Elena Berezhnaya of Russia stand with David Pelletier and Jamie Sale of Canada pose for a photograph with their gold medals Feb. 17, 2002 during the Winter Olympic Games in Salt Lake City. The International Olympic Committee executive board decide to award both teams gold medals. photo by Doug Pensinger/Getty Images

addition, the ISU planned to revamp the scoring method to assure fair scoring in the future.

## THREATS OF BOYCOTT

### Countries threaten International Olympic Committee with boycott after controversial calls in numerous events

Two countries threaten to withdraw after not being satisfied with judgement calls.

Russian and South Korean teams threatened boycott the 2002 Winter Olympic games over complaints about the judging results.

Arguments started six days after the International Olympics Committee extended appeals to grant a double gold medal in the ice dance competition. Russian officials stated that it had become a "North American controlled Olympics."

Following up a news conference, the Russian delegates said the judging was "disgusting" and "unfair" and threatened to pull out of the 2004 Athens Summer Games. Delegates also demanded the IOC to address three decisions against its athletes in three sports.

However, on Feb. 22, the threat dimmed. Russian President Vladimir Putin stated that Russia would not boycott the rest of the games, which implied that the United States had an edge over the rest of the competition.

Denying Putin's statements, the lower house of Russia's parliament passed a resolution 417-0 which urged Russian athletes to boycott the closing ceremonies unless the IOC reviewed the disqualification of a Russian athlete in the cross-country ski race, stopped North American referees from officiating the hockey game and apologized to the Russian team.

Controversial calls sparked another country to threaten to boycott the closing ceremonies was South Korea. This came after a referee's decision that gave a short-track speedskating gold to American Apolo Ohno over Kim Dong-sung, who finished first but was disqualified for blocking Ohno. But sources said the South Korean IOC member Kim Uu-yong stopped the boycott threat while in meetings with IOC President Jacques Rogge.

Temper had calmed and there was no boycott of the closing ceremonies. Rogge spoke of officials that ruled of the event of controversy and said that all were "acting in accordance."

## Canada Company Outfits Olympics

**-Roots Canada**  
29-year-old Toronto based sportswear company and was the official licensed outfitter of the Canadian, U.S. and British Olympic teams.

**-"Poor boy"** berets at Olympics value at \$19.95, but over the Internet could cost between \$100 to \$250.

**-More than 1,000** berets a day flew across the country to different Internet retailers during the Olympics.

## 2002 Medal Count

Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
Germany	12	16	7	35
U.S.A.	10	13	11	34
Norway	11	7	6	24
Canada	6	3	8	17
Austria	2	4	10	16
Russian Fed.	6	6	4	16
Italy	4	4	4	12
France	4	5	2	11
Switzerland	3	2	6	11
China	2	2	4	8
Netherlands	3	5	0	8
Finland	4	2	1	7
Sweden	0	2	4	6
Croatia	3	1	0	4
Korea	2	2	0	4
Bulgaria	0	1	2	3
Estonia	1	1	1	3
Great Britain	1	0	2	3
Spain	1	0	2	3
Australia	2	0	0	2
Czech Rep.	1	0	1	2
Japan	0	1	1	2
Poland	0	1	1	2
Spain	2	0	0	2
Belarus	0	0	1	1

2002

Jan. 20

A U.S. military helicopter crashed in northeastern Afghanistan killing two of the seven marines onboard.

Feb. 15

In Egypt's worst train fire, 373 people were killed. The driver continued to carry on unaware of the fire as people jumped out windows trying to escape.

Feb. 20

An anonymous tip led authorities to a Georgia crematorium where over 300 bodies were neglected to be cremated.

## Work



*The crowd stands respectfully as cadets Ryan Jennings, Jared Blitz, Jared Watson, Ron Jackson and Christopher Harris present the colors. photo by Amanda Byler*



# Work

The crowd stands respectfully as caskets Ryan Jennings, Jared Bittz, Jared Watson, Ron Jackson and Christopher Harris, present the Young Bloods' message.



Budget Cut

# Budget Cuts

*State budget cuts hit the University hard, causing it to drop several projects, including the renovation of the Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building*

## Shread Fiscal Plans





he year was finally planned out in June. All of the conferences, meetings and projects were set as the new fiscal year was about to approach. In late June, everything changed during a Board of Regents meeting. The state said the previously set plans had taken a back seat due to numerous budget cuts.

The state of Missouri had always given the University half of the money it needed for the fiscal year. Missouri started feeling the result of a slowing economy and lack of state revenue; as a result, a budget cut of \$323.4 million was needed. One of the hardest hit areas was the state's budget for its higher educational institutions.

"Out of all the educational institutions, higher education is the biggest in terms of revenue for the state," Ray Courter, vice president for finance and support services, said. "But all higher educational institutions are being cut a total of \$184.2 million of the total \$323 million budget cut for Missouri. That is quite a significant amount."

Higher education institutions were forced to find ways to cut back on planned spending. Northwest was one of the institutions that needed to cut \$1.46 million from the budget.

While planning the budget, the University concentrated on two main areas: capital and operations. The University requested capital money from state to improve the campus.

The operations money consisted of funds the University already had and could use. One of the capital projects that had funding cut was renovation project for the Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building.

"Once we found out about the cuts, we were scrambling around for a couple weeks trying to refigure everything out," Courter said. "It was a good thing the University had a fund balance, or savings, of \$445,186 that it could use to help them with the cuts."

Northwest made several cuts in the budget as well as tapping into reserves to make up for the lack of funds.

University positions that were not a necessity were left open. Organizations were forced to cancel some of their plans for the year and many previously planned conferences were nullified.

The budget cuts also affected students' pocketbooks as well. An extra \$5 was added to the students' tuition to compensate for the budget cuts.

"We had to increase tuition during the spring and summer sessions of the 2002 year to even out the budget," Courter said. "That equals approximately \$5 per credit hour surcharge to all students. This, along with historic reserves and reductions in current operations budgets, will contribute to one-third of the cutback."

The renovation of Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building is once again put on hold due to numerous state budget cuts. Many organizations were also forced to limit their expenditures by cancelling plans to attend conferences and other activities. *photo illustration by Cody Snapp*

#### Your Line



"I never knew the building was going to get renovated. I wish they would give us supplies to use for our classes."

-Olga Braun

by Jill Robinson

# Diverse Knowledge Across Entire Board

*Members of the Board of Regents contribute their experience and knowledge to the campus community.*

Individuals from around the area served as integral parts of the Northwest community. Members of the Board of Regents took on great responsibilities to make the institution the best in education.

Two members were inducted to the Board of Regents in the fall trimester. Rollie Stadlman from Chillicothe, Mo. and Doug Sutton from Maryville joined the group in the decision-making process.

"They serve as the bosses of Dr. (Dean) Hubbard," Ken White, vice president for communication and marketing, said. "The president reports to the Board of Regents; they hire the president, they could fire the president."

The Missouri governor appointed the individual before he or she could become a Regent. Out of the six members, one must be from Nodaway County. Generally, members were from the 19-county Northwest Missouri area. A student representative was also interviewed and appointed by the governor to bring a student voice into meetings and act as a link between administrators and students.

A large range of knowledge by its members allowed the Board of Regents to be helpful in many areas. This created questions and answers

that might not have been discussed by other policy-making bodies for the University.

Attorneys, the owner of a construction company, a retired principal and a banker all applied insight from their lines of work into many different areas when dealing with University projects and policies.

Despite not being on campus to interact directly with students on a daily basis, White said that Northwest was extremely lucky in the enthusiasm of the Board and campus involvement.

"We are very, very fortunate at Northwest to have a good Board," White said. "Our Board members are so active. We've got Board members actually going into faculty meetings. They are just really involved. I'm guessing that they are more in tune with Northwest than most board members are at universities they serve."

Concern for the well being of the University stemmed from members' ties to the institution through schooling or family members that resided in the area.

Regents served six-year terms with a two-term limit. An intense commitment to the group

and University was a common trend. Robert Lee Stanton from Rockport, Mo., was a Board member for a unique 13 years.

When his term was up, the late Gov. Mel Carnahan put off finding a replacement because he liked him White said. Even though his term ended, he could still be found on campus at least once a week.

A deep-rooted fondness for the University and a variety of backgrounds and expertise helped the Board of Regents serve the campus community to the best of its ability. Because of the dedication of seven individuals, thousands of Northwest students were given an opportunity to learn in an environment catered to their needs.



At the beginning of a Board of Regents meeting, Robert Loch is presented a plaque and rocking chair from University President Dean Hubbard. Loch retired his Regents position and was honored for his service. photo by Amanda Byler

## Your Line



"The nice thing about the Board of Regents is the wide range of expertise that the members have; there's a variety of occupational backgrounds."

**-Ken White, vice president for communication and marketing**

**Board of Regents members** Rollie Stadlman and Doug Hanks watch as Franklin Strong is awarded a plaque by University President Dean Hubbard. Two retiring members were honored for their contributions Nov. 8. photo by Amanda Byler



**Words of appreciation** come from Robert Elockelr as he retires his Board of Regents chair. Retiring regents were given rocking chairs with the University's plaque engraved on the back.  
*photo by Amanda Byler*

**Bottles of sparking cider** line the table as Matthew Hackett, Janet Marriott, James Johnson and Dean Hubbard prepare for a Board of Regents meeting. Following the meeting the Board members celebrated the Quality Award nomination. *photo by Amanda Byler*





# Beyond Closed Doors

President Dean Hubbard's office reveals personality and stories.

The office of Dean Hubbard was filled with memorabilia from his tenure as President of Northwest. Gifts from faculty and visiting dignitaries, keepsakes from close friends, relics of historic significance to the University and recognitions from past personal achievements lined the walls and

covered the tables. Each item gave an insight into the man who has led Northwest for the past 18 years. His passion for education, his respect for history and his deep appreciation of friends were all apparent in what he chose to display and where he chose to display it.



Royal Present

According to Chinese folklore, the head of an organization must have a horse in the office. The former head of import and export for the Chinese government visited his son, who attended Northwest, and was appalled Hubbard did not have one on display. The official went back to China and sent a painting of a horse to Hubbard. He proudly hung the gift in his office without knowing its origins. A Chinese-speaking professor later brought the signature stamp in the lower right corner to Hubbard's attention. The painting was made by the cousin of the last emperor of China.



Special Souvenir



A hand-carved wooden helicopter sat on the center table in Hubbard's office. He had purchased it during the fall, making it one of the most recent additions in the office. The carving was obtained at an air show in Kansas City, Mo., from a Vietnamese immigrant. The man took pictures of various aircrafts and sent them back to his family in Vietnam where they made the carvings and shipped them to the United States to be sold.

A Medallion of Leadership

Just inside, and to the right of the office door, was a dark wooden case with a glass door. Inside, on black felt, hung a large, ornate, silver medallion that was worn by the University president at every graduation commencement ceremony. The heavy chain was comprised of links engraved with the names of Northwest's presidents, past and present, and the years they served. "I always kind of look to see if anyone's scratched an ending date on mine," Hubbard joked.



## 1 Rare Memories

A small table in the corner of the office held several memories for Hubbard: a small crystal statuette he received when he won the 1998 Governor's Quality Leadership Award, a glass globe and two oriental fans, one from China, the other from Korea. The fans were received as gifts from international visitors to the office.

## 2 Elegant Reporting

Memorabilia from Bearcat athletic achievements dotted the room. One such item was a plaque hanging on the wall next to the display case. It held a commemorative towel from the Bearcats' first National Championship and a column written after the game was won. "I've never read a column quite like it," Hubbard said. "It's almost like poetry."

## 3 Pristine Honor

Several framed documents hung on the wall above Hubbard's desk. One of these was a certificate granted to him by the governor of Nebraska, Charles Thone, granting him the position of Admiral in The Great Navy of the State of Nebraska. Hubbard said he was very proud of this award because they were not presented very often.

## 4 Language Leader

Hubbard had started a language institute in Seoul, Korea, in 1969. He received a crystal keepsake when he returned to speak at the 30th Anniversary of the institute. The memento occupied a prominent space on the shelf above his desk. He said that by 2000, the institute served 25,000 students in 41 sites throughout Korea.



## Hat of a Hero



Another item with a prominent position in the display case was an old fire fighter's helmet. The helmet was a gift from the man who was in charge of the squad when the Administration Building caught fire in July 1979. When the fireman retired, he came back and presented the helmet to Hubbard.

## Friendly Gesture

On a shelf above his desk sat an intricately carved owl. The owl was a gift from artist Glen Heath, who was well-known in the San Francisco Bay area for his unique stylized owls. Hubbard first met Heath in high school and again at Stanford University. Upon the completion of his doctorate, Hubbard's friends threw a party. Heath presented him with the soapstone owl carving as a gift.



## Prized Picture

Various items adorned the shelves of the display case in Hubbard's office. Included in this collection of gifts and memories was a picture of himself, his wife Aleta, daughter Melody, grandson Charlie and former U.S. President Bill Clinton. Hubbard was introduced to Clinton when he visited St. Louis. "He got all enamored with Charlie and wanted him to see Air Force One and the limo and all that," Hubbard said. "So we rode with him back to the airport."



# Beyond Closed Doors

Administrators's offices offer a glimpse into their private lives.

Within the walls of their work spaces, an array of pictures, collections and keepsakes decorated the room. It was their own personal touch, each office as different as their job responsibilities. While Ken White, vice president for Communication and Marketing enjoyed collecting antiques and spending time with his family, Director of Athletics Bob Boerigter has climbed Mt. Blanca in Colorado, and Mary Throener, Director of Human Resources expressed her love of chocolate with a dessert angel display.

## Ken White

It was his family pictures and antique collections that represented bits of Ken White's personality and interests. The vice president for communication and marketing was in charge of public relations for the University. His department created all the brochures and mailings promoting Northwest.

### 1 Bearcat Beads

Draped around a Missouri Quality Award glass, two strands of "Bearcat Beads" hung around the edges. The beads were given to people at the winner's banquet that was held. One man offered White \$25 to get the beads, but instead he gave the man the one of his sets for free.

### 2 The Vertical Desk

A few years prior, White injured his back making it hard to sit for long periods of time. To solve the problem, he bought a podium to work at. White executed all his writing while standing up, and even kept his laptop on top of it. All computer activities were also done while standing.



### 3 Support Systems

White said pictures of his family and items his children have made brought him down to reality. White and his wife, Christa, were married for 10 years before they had their first child, Casey. Two other children, Kellie and Kenzie, followed. He has kept and displayed everything they have made in school on his desk.

### 4 A Lifetime Melody

Antique radios were displayed throughout the office. Not only did he like the way they looked, White enjoyed the story each one had behind the physical exterior. The radios represented his childhood goal of becoming a sports broadcaster.

### 5 Display of Education

White recently received his doctorate in communications. A picture of his three daughters dressed up in graduation attire was given to him by his in-laws to celebrate his educational achievement.

### 6 Voice of Bearcat Pride

A press pass hung over a Bearcat football poster to show the duty he had during football games. White was the public address announcer for Bearcat football. Numerous pieces of Bearcat memorabilia crowded his office; they provided him with memories of a University he had supported over the years.



## Bob Boerigter

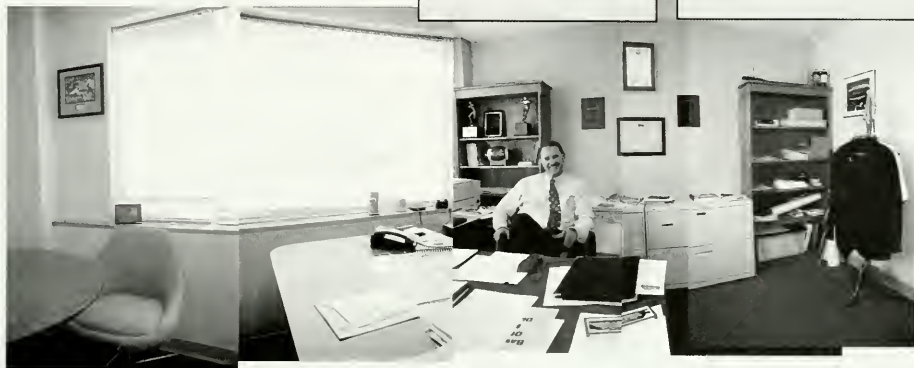
Previously the director of athletics for Hastings College in Norfolk, Neb., Bob Boerigter arrived at Northwest after the retirement of Jim Redd. Coming from a highly successful career in Nebraska, he was excited to continue his work for the Bearcats. Boerigter was responsible for athletics and oversaw the HPERD department.

### 1 Professional Photograph

Hanging on the wall was a framed picture of his son, Marc, who played professional football for the Calgary Stampede in the Canadian Football League. The picture was of his son's first pass in the CFL and was given as a Christmas present.

### 2 Hanging by a Thread

Boerigter hardly ever wore a jacket while he worked, but he had a Bearcat polo shirt and a blue sports coat hanging from his coat rack. He said it saved him from wearing a jacket, but was there when he needed to have a meeting.



## Mary Throener

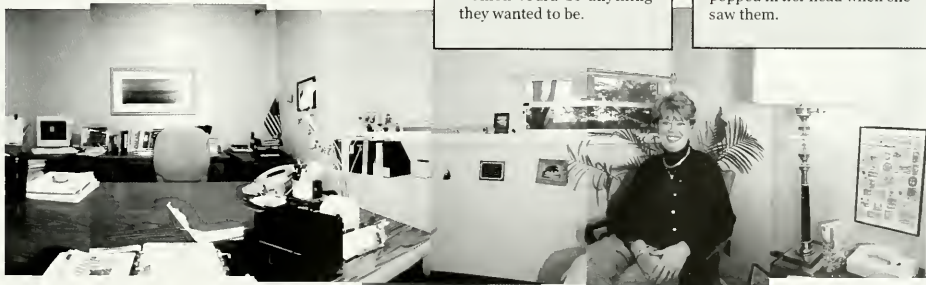
An office full of symbolic relics was where Mary Throener spent her time. Throener worked as the Director of Human Resources, and was responsible for training and working on the development of employees in various work positions. Pictures from her favorite vacation spot, figurines reminding her of the past and a sweet tooth were all reveal a bit about the new in the Human Resources Office.

### 1 Nontraditional Nun

One memento that stood on Throener's windowsill was a nun. It reminded her of when she went to a Catholic grade school and, because it had a ruler in its hand, she said it kept her in line. She also said the nun symbolized the belief that women could be anything they wanted to be.

### 2 Mickey with Meaning

She said she was not a collector of Disney characters, but had a few small Disney figurines sitting on her windowsill. They reminded her of the lighthearted and funny attitude she wanted to have, and she said the song "It's a Small World After All" popped in her head when she saw them.



# Beyond Closed Doors

Administrators's offices offer a glimpse into their private lives.

These vice presidents remembered to balance their work with their play by the reminders scattered around their offices. Kent Porterfield, the vice president for Student Affairs took his job seriously, but always had time for his family and enjoyed golfing and landscaping. A charcoal drawing of Ray Courter's son's team winning the 1995 3A Missouri State Basketball Tournament was just one way vice president for finance and support services said he got to "grow up again" through his two son's endeavors. Lance Burchett, vice president for institutional advancement, remembered his personal goals in life by his favorite Bible verses in gold frames.

## Kent Porterfield

Kent Porterfield was the Vice President for Student Affairs. As a Northwest alumnus with a long history of involvement with the University, Porterfield had evidence of these fond memories scattered throughout his office. A husband and father, his most treasured items came from his daughter. Porterfield worked diligently among his pictures and memorabilia.

### 1 Young Artist

Porterfield displayed artwork created by his 3-year-old daughter, Claire, on his desk hutch. Some of the drawings were made at home, most were created at Claire's school, but everything was deeply cherished by the proud father.

### 2 Wall of Fame

One wall in his office was covered with plaques and certificates acknowledging his contributions to the University and other commitments in his past years at Northwest. "It's very important to display them to let people know that it means something," Porterfield said.



### 3 Historic Drawings

Another wall held two charcoal drawings depicting historic buildings in Nodaway County. Porterfield said the drawings were found in a closet when the J.W. Jones Student Union was being prepared for renovations. He felt they were too valuable to discard and had them framed for display.

### 4 Northwest Memorabilia

On top of Porterfield's bookcases were memorabilia from Northwest experience: a commemorative mug from the rededication of the J.W. Jones Student Union, African carvings, gifts from international students and a piece of Rickenbrode Stadium's goal post after the second National Championship.

### 5 Favorite Saying

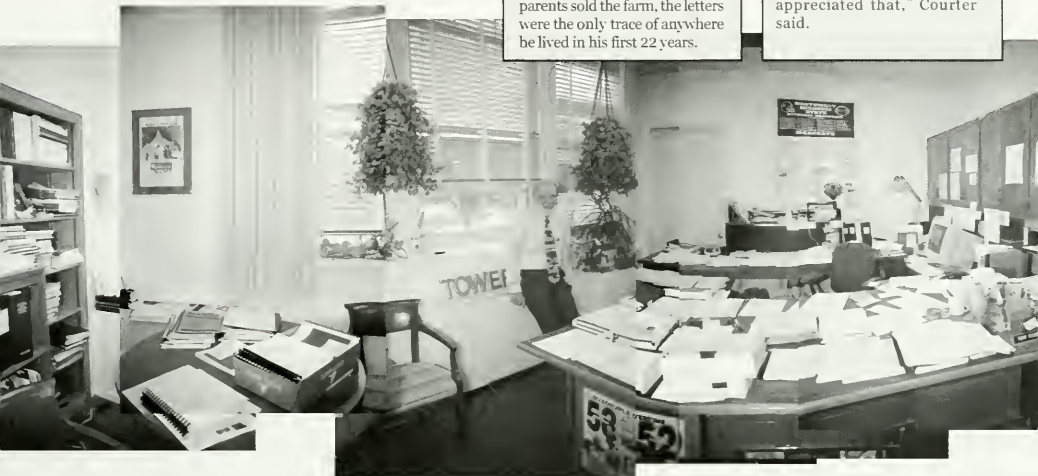
A frame on his desk held one of Porterfield's favorite quotes by Margaret Mead. It read: "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

### 6 Daily Grind

The bookshelves in the office hold scores of binders which were used throughout the course of Porterfield's daily responsibilities. They also housed his dissertation and several volumes of *Tower* yearbook. "It's a working office," Porterfield said. "What you see is what you get."

## Ray Courter

A collector of a wide variety of objects, Ray Courter filled his office with his finds. Courter was the vice president for finance and support services who was involved in a number of academic and professional activities. Even the piles of papers on his desk all held meaning to Courter in the way he worked.



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### Tower Hall

Beneath his window sat nine aluminum letters spelling "Tower Hall." A student at Northwest from 1964-68, Courter lived in the now-demolished Tower Hall. "I really had quite a struggle to help make the decision to tear (Tower Hall) down," Courter said. After his parents sold the farm, the letters were the only trace of anywhere he lived in his first 22 years.

2

### Stamp Collection

Hanging from one of Courter's walls was a framed sheet of stamps. He called it "a dear gesture on the part of a friend." The U.S. Postal Service issued the stamps to commemorate the work of the nation's Certified Public Accountants. "I've always appreciated that," Courter said.

## Lance Burchett

Work and play combined forces in Lance Burchett's office. He had found a way to relieve stress using recreation, while surrounding himself frames filled with spiritual reminders. One of his most prized possessions was his laptop, because he traveled so extensively. Pictures of his children, Chase and Halen, and his wife Sherri, reminded him of past adventures when they lived in San Diego.

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### Picture of Champions

Burchett said his favorite picture was with Lance Alworth, a National Football League Hall of Fame inductee. Alworth was an All-American wide receiver for the University of Arkansas and played for the San Diego Chargers in 1962. Burchett said the picture was special because he was named after Alworth.

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### Hot-Shot Stress Relief

Anytime Burchett felt that he was under too much stress, he would play basketball with his mini basketball and hoop to give him a chance to sort things out. The basketball hoop showed the lighter side of Burchett despite the responsibilities of being Vice President for Instructional Advancement.





# Beyond Closed Doors

Administrators's offices offer a glimpse into their private lives.

An array of personal achievements give evidence to the determination and hard work of Jon Rickman, vice president for information systems, Provost Taylor Barnes and Executive Assistant to the President Tom Vansaghi. Among Rickman's many cherished family photographs were plaques and certificates of past successes. Barnes revealed his goals for the University in the three posters of the University Strategic Core Values, Key Quality Indicators and Vision Mission statements that hung on his wall.

## Jon Rickman

Jon Rickman, vice president for information systems cherished the simple things. With his treasures arranged around his office, Rickman could enjoy the memories that each item created. A fascination with calculation and a respect for athletics, he kept these possessions close at hand. While Rickman enjoyed spending time with his family and camping, he also collected plastic cars and steam trains.

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### Pride and Joy

Jon Rickman displayed the most important things in his office on one simple shelf. Pictures of his wife, Donna, and three grandchildren put things in perspective when Rickman felt lost in his work. Rickman had one son Joel and two daughters, Ann and Janice.

2

### Read All About It

Hanging on a wall near the door was a plaque. Typed in gold letters was an article written by the Washington Post declaring the University as the first electronic campus. The article was particularly special to Rickman, who served as Vice President for Information Systems.



3

### Money Matters

Another accomplishment posted in Rickman's office was a certificate he received from the late Gov. Mel Carnahan. The award was presented to him in appreciation for cost reduction in the state of Missouri because of computer utilization.

4

### Adding It Up

Among his antiques was an abacus, considered to be the first manual tool used in calculating problems. Another antique was a replica of a mechanical adding machine. Invented by William Burroughs in the late 1890s, the machine was key-driven and operated by a crank.

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### Vision of Success

To celebrate the victories of Northwest's success in athletics, Rickman hung a picture of the Bearcat football team that won the exciting National Football Championships in 1998 and 1999.

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### Beautiful Setting

Of all the vacations Rickman had been on in his lifetime, it was the vacation to Anchorage, Alaska, that he chose to represent in his office. Rickman said a photograph of the sunrise was the perfect representation of Anchorage.

## Taylor Barnes

Provost Taylor Barnes enjoyed a range of items and souvenirs. He had a strict focus on the improvement of the University and an appreciation for cultural diversity with treasures from around the world. A tin box and mugs with "Air Force" printed on them from his 20 years of service, and the replicas of his vintage Ford Mustang, showed the many sides of Barnes.

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### Single Delight

One of Taylor Barnes's favorite objects in his office was the picture of his only granddaughter, Katy, dressed in a Bearcat cheerleader uniform. Throughout the room, other pictures of her illustrated the joy she brought to his life.

2

### Foreign Expansion

On his mantle, Barnes had a picture of University President Dean Hubbard and Dr. Muto, from the Niigato University in Japan, signing an agreement. This agreement allowed Japanese international students to study for a trimester at the University.



## Tom Vansaghi

This executive assistant to the president had a wide range of interests decorating his surroundings. From keepsakes to motivational reminders, Tom Vansaghi kept a collection of items that reflected a bit about his background and mind-set. Not only did he contribute his time to the University, but a plaque revealed his membership to the Board of Special Olympics.

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### Carnahan Keepsake

Inside a wooden-framed box was a flag folded into a triangle. The flag was from the office of the late Gov. Mel Carnahan. Vansaghi helped with his campaign in 1991 and 1992 and kept the flag after Carnahan passed away.

2

### Running for Success

Vansaghi never liked running, but he completed the 1998 St. Louis Marathon. A plaque that had a newspaper clipping and medal from the race was displayed. He said he was proud of himself for not quitting and discovering there was something in him he did not know he had.



by Josh Flaherty

# Social Activities Provide Normalcy

*In its second year, the Missouri Academy of Science, Mathematics and Computing expands its activities agenda.*

Amid the decorations in the J.W. Jones Student Union Board Room, the Missouri Academy of Science, Mathematics and Computing held its first Winter Semi-Formal dance, Jan. 26.

Approximately 60 students took part in the event, which was just one of the many activities hosted by the Academy.

According to Activities Coordinator Corey Wright, planning for the night began during the fall trimester, but was not finalized until the week of the dance. ARAMARK provided appetizers while decorations and music were courtesy of Academy staff and student committees.

"This is just one activity that is important to give these students a feel of normalcy as far as high school goes," Wright said. "I feel it's very important to give the students the opportunity for social and physical experiences, as well as tours they have attained throughout the year."

Academy student Adam Peetz said there was a difference between attending the Academy and a traditional high school.

"You get a lot more freedom [at the Academy]," Peetz said. "But at the same time, you get a lot of privileges taken away, like driving and partying your senior year. At the same time you get more day-to-day freedom as long as you attend your

four hours of classes."

Wright said the students participated in various other activities around the campus.

"The kids have been actively involved in intramurals on campus, as well as marching and pep band," Wright said.

Other activities throughout the year included trips to see "Phantom of the Opera" in Kansas City, and the Strategic Air Command Museum in Omaha. The Academy also sponsored events such as ice skating trips and its first prom to be held in May.

Away from the typical high school experience, social activities created an environment similar to what these students had left behind. Setting academics aside, school-sponsored events balanced out the world of an Academy student.



**Removing strips of tape** Michelle Tsai reveals the finished Cooper Hall Lounge. Students painted their first floor lounge in pastel colors with a rectangular design. *photo by Amanda Byler*





## our Line



"Being an Academy student is an option that not very many people are offered; so I thought to myself, it's the road less traveled."

**-Rick Prevedel**



**After the paint has dried** Cooper Hall Council member Crystal McClain helps to clean up the lounge. Academy students worked as a team to repaint the room. *photo by Amanda Byler*

**The Cherry Poppin' Daddies' "Zoot Suit Riot"** plays as couples swing dance. The Academy staff and students attended a semi-formal dance in the J.W. Jones Student Union. *photo by Amanda Byler*



by Jill Johnson

## On the educational homestretch

At the end of the journey, graduation drew the final phase of higher education to a close. For two graduate students, receiving their master's degrees would complete their Northwest experience.

Krissy Royster and Sara Hoke were both in pursuit of a master's in business and managerial information systems. Offering a chance for graduate students to earn money while seeking their master's degree, the Northwest Graduate Assistant program was appealing for both Royster and Hoke.

With 38 master-levels and three specialist education programs, students involved in the Graduate Assistant Program received their education, while working for the University.

"I knew I wanted my MBA [Masters of Business Administration] and I couldn't pass up the grad assistant program," Royster said. "It was too good of a deal."

There were 134 graduate assistantships available to students. Students were encouraged to become graduate assistants by the 9-month stipend of \$5,250 plus full fee waivers. The assistants also earned an added salary for the 20 hours a week of work required.

Working at the Talent Development Center, Royster completed the work requirements by tutoring business students. With an undergraduate degree in marketing, she worked while taking 6 credit hours worth of graduate level courses.



"It's great because everyone is there because they want to be," Royster said. "Everyone can have fun and focus at the same time."

Friendships resulted from this close-knit class environment. Hoke and Royster demonstrated this tight bond in their weekly Taco John's taco Tuesday runs before their night class.

Hoke had similar feelings about the group of people involved in her classes. It was a chance to build friendships and build on knowledge acquired in early level courses.

"The classes are really just extensions of what I've already learned," Hoke said. "There are still tests but there are more case study problems."

As a graduate assistant in the Administration Building, Hoke's job requirements involved writing newsletters, mailing and office work.

Both students focused on the task set before them. Students in the Graduate Assistant Program, Hoke and Royster worked to complete the class work and office work to graduate with high honors and an education in which they had invested valuable time and effort.

**Finishing up paperwork** graduate student Ashely Thompson works in the office of the Theater Department. "My jobs help because it lets me learn from the professors I work around," Thompson said. *photo by Brett Stewart*

### Your Line



"I know in the long term this is going to benefit me in my next job. The experience that I have received is tremendous."

**Shawn Sandell**



# Further Education Benefits First Job

by Jill Robinson

*Continuing education prepares graduate students for real world occupations and a place above most in their field.*



Two different worlds shifted in and out of his schedule. One focused on classes, homework and the social obligations of being a graduate student; the other revealed the work that went on behind the scenes of the University.

Acting as the administrative assistant for President Dean Hubbard, Shawn Sandell witnessed first-hand the responsibilities and effort required to keep a university running smoothly. Funded by a grant from the Sloan Foundation, the position was filled by only student a year.

Sandell was not a new face in the president's office. As an undergraduate, Sandell worked for Hubbard two years before becoming administrative assistant. After going through the application process and paperwork, Sandell received the position. He worked 20 hours a week while studying to get his Master's of Business Administration with an emphasis on management information systems.

"It's never boring; there's always something new going on," Sandell said. "It's actually challenging at times. I've learned time management above all; there are a lot of deadlines and projects, plus social life and academics. You try to juggle all that and decide priorities."

**At the front of the line,** Shawn Sandell prepares to lead the graduates to Bearcat Arena. Sandell planned on finishing classes in the summer of 2002. *photo by Cody Snapp*

Job responsibilities entailed researching and assisting in special projects. He also coordinated meetings and projects in relation to the Sloan Grant, which to set up a process of activity-based costing at the University. Last trimester, Hubbard assigned Sandell to maintain one of their Web sites.

Looking toward a job in consulting or project management, Sandell's experience offered résumé material he could use after graduation in July. Sandell said he learned about professionalism and poise in the workplace, as well as the business structure of the University that would directly relate to his future career.

"In the beginning it may not seem very important, but in the long run if you would like to advance, it could really give you an advantage," Sandell said. "I'm really happy with my decision, I think it's great experience for the future."

Taking on the role of both student and administrative assistant, Sandell witnessed what was required in running a university while taking classes and preparing for graduation. It was a learning environment that Sandell said would directly benefit him after he took the next step into the working world.



After the convocation ceremony, students from the Booth College of Business and Professional Studies file down from the bleachers to receive Bearcat pins from Melvin Booth. Booth was honored earlier in the day for his donation to the University. *photo by Michaela Kanger*



#### Your Line



**Sarah Carver**

"I think the donation from Mel Booth shows how successful the business college can be. Booth was a business major and for him to become successful enough to donate that much money shows a lot for the college."



# Alumni give back to Alma Mater

by Chris Bolinger

*When the University was facing budget woes, Melvin and Valorie Booth gave back with a \$5 million gift to the College of Professional and Applied Studies.*



It was the largest donation in Northwest history, given to the College of Professional and Applied Studies, and all that was required was a simple name change.

The \$5 million gift resulted into the Melvin D. and Valorie G. Booth College of Business and Applied Studies.

"I primarily wanted to enhance the opportunities for business students at Northwest," Booth said. "I wanted those students to get the opportunities that I did when I was at Northwest. I also wanted to do it when [University] President Dean Hubbard was still there."

Graduating from Northwest in 1967, Melvin majored in accounting with a finance and insurance minor, while Valorie majored in business education. The donation was a thank-you for experiences the couple gained from their active involvement with the University.

To commemorate the gift, a luncheon was held in the J.W. Jones Student Union Ballroom Aug. 26, followed by a ribbon-cutting ceremony in Colden Hall. A display cabinet in the foyer of Colden Hall was built in honor of the donation.

**At a press conference,** Melvin and Valorie Booth pause before answering a question. The Booths made the largest donation in University history. *photo by John Petrovic*

**A ribbon is cut by Dean Hubbard, Valorie and Melvin Booth** in Colden Hall to celebrate the dedication of the Melvin D. and Valorie G. Booth College of Business and Professional Studies. The couple wanted to give back to their alma mater by donating \$5 million dollars for scholarships and other beneficial programs for students. *photo by John Petrovic*

"The ceremony that took place was excellently executed," Booth said. "I felt it was very well arranged, and my wife and family were very pleased."

The money was divided into three gift types: current, lifetime and deferred. Current gifts provided an annual full-ride scholarship to a business student from Bethany, Mo., the Booths' hometown. Lifetime gifts included an invested principle, of which earnings were allocated to improving the business department. Finally, the deferred monies were used to attract matching-funds support from other private donors.

"This money [matching-funds], allows other donors to have a high profile name at half the cost," Lance Burchett, vice president of University Advancement, said.

Booth said the gift was a way to show his appreciation to Northwest.

"I wanted to make the donation so I could help those that have helped me over the years," Booth said.



by Mandy Lauck

# Student Magazine goes Worldwide

*Following a one-year hiatus, "Heartland View" resumes publication in a new medium as an on-line travel and leisure magazine.*

Although the trips were intense, there was a sense of freedom about them. With a new opportunity to travel, students also reinstated a publication that had once disappeared.

"Heartland View" magazine was created in 1992 for yearbook editors to gain experience in working on a professional magazine. The only class of its kind allowed students to get an insight into the business. However, its publication ended after the 2000 summer issue due to lack of funding.

"Our funding became too much to handle, and we had to discontinue the magazine," Laura Widmer, director of Student Publications, said.

Students wanted to continue "Heartland View" as an on-line magazine, or e-zine, thus eliminating the cost of printing. With the help of advisers Widmer and Jody Strauch, assistant professor of mass communication, the first on-line college magazine was born.

"I'm really excited about the starting of 'Heartland,'" Strauch said. "I've never seen anything like this before at a college, and I'm

eager to set a goal for other colleges."

Sarah Smith, the first editor in chief of the e-zine, said it was the ultimate road trip.

"Heartland made me appreciate the things in the Midwest that I normally didn't," Smith said. "Now I get excited about things like the giant hamburger and the Agriculture Hall of Fame."

From its debut to the updated Internet version, "Heartland View" provided an opportunity for students to gain the skills necessary to succeed in a publication.

"This magazine is unique in many ways," Widmer said. "From the opportunity to write

about events beyond the University, to programming and designing of Web pages that have audio and visuals, "Heartland View" is the first of its kind, and it is the stepping stone to land-breaking achievements."

From a tiny office in the basement of Well's Hall a new e-zine was created that could be viewed with just the click of a button around the world.

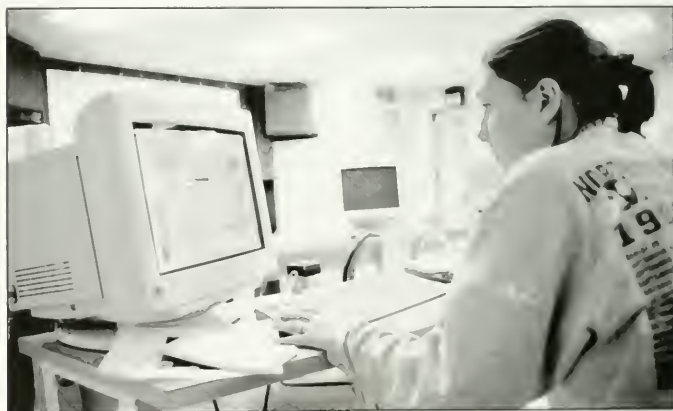
**Web pages are uploaded** as Sarah Smith, "Heartland View" editor in chief, works late into the night. "Heartland View," an on-line Midwest travel and leisure magazine, was launched in early November. *photo by Amanda Byler*

## Your Line



"Heartland View" gives me experience because I want to work on a magazine someday. I also like being a part of the first group to launch this."

-Amber Brazil



**Mass Communication Department:**  
**Front Row:** Matt Rouch, Jody Strauch, Marla McCrary, Laura Widmer and Jerry Donnelly. **Back Row:** Matthew Bosisto, Jaqueline Lamer, Fred Lamer, Scott Duncan, Doug Sudholt.





by Mandy Lauck

# Keeping pace with the times

*New major combines three disciplines for students' success*

The world of technology evolved at a dizzying rate. To keep up with these improvements, the University created an Interactive Digital Media major.

The idea for the major stemmed from a brainstorming session between Carol Spradling, assistant professor of computer science/information systems, and Jody Strauch, assistant professor of mass communication, while traveling to a class they took at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

"Carol and I talked about what we thought would be the perfect elements in an IDM major," Strauch said. "We thought that if the emphasis of art, mass communication and computer science were combined into one major, students who want to be involved in web designing jobs could be fully prepared."

After many meetings with all three departments, the major was approved and offered the spring of 2001. In one trimester, 74 students declared IDM as their major: 18 with an emphasis in computer science, 20 in mass communication and 36 in art. The new major made students marketable.

"With this major, I have seen computer students come into my painting or sculpting classes and be frustrated with the

fact of learning how to create a piece of artwork," Craig Warner, associate professor of art, said. "The same thing goes for art students who have to take computer classes. But the students know they need to take these classes to excel at their future career."

IDM gave students numerous chances to advance in multimedia occupations.

"This major creates a renaissance person, in which they mesh both their left and right brain to compete for jobs in the entertainment and marketing fields," Warner said. "I think so far it is working well for both the students and the professors."

With the exception of minor difficulties, the reaction was positive and students were eager to get involved.

"Of course, as with anything new, there are going to be problems that need to be hammered out," Strauch said. "But if problems such as packed classrooms continue, those are happy problems that will be solved in a matter of time."

To continue to stay in step with the ever-changing world, the new major offered a chance for students to become prepared for a job market that was increasing in demand. From an idea to reality, the new IDM major benefited many students.



**Before midterm week,** Philip Laber, professor of art, shows students in Creative Photography how to matte their photographs. Students spent the first half of the trimester perfecting techniques by creating photograms before they were allowed to make photographs. *photo by Shane McAsey*



**Computer Information Systems Department. Front Row:** Joni Adkins, Nancy Thomson, Merry McDonald and Carol Spradling. **Back Row:** Phillip Heeler, Gary McDonald, John Reynolds, Doug Hawley.

by Jill Robinson

# News 8 Now Debuts

## On-Air

*Introducing a new outlet for student media, 'News 8 Now' offered experience for future broadcast journalists*

Chaos filtered through the newsroom. A combination of intensity, stress and anticipation settled in the studio while preparations were made.

Filling the void left behind several years ago, Associate Professor Doug Sudhoff stepped in to start "News 8 Now." A former television news reporter for WDAF in Kansas City, Mo., Sudhoff wanted students to walk away with an idea of what it takes to put together a news show.

"I wanted them to gain the experience of being in a newsroom and then see the product they have worked on," Sudhoff said. "Students need a sense of pride and accomplishment. They get to see their work go on air and not just a grade."

Students enrolled in Broadcast Journalism and Television Practicum were responsible

for pulling together the final products. Video news packages were edited and put together by the Broadcast Journalism class, while Practicum students were responsible for technical aspects such as directing and camera work. Every Monday and Wednesday, starting in mid-October, the adrenaline rush of a news production was experienced.

A limited number of classes provided this type of media outlet for broadcast students. "News 8 Now" was an option for those interested in the intensity of television productions.

"The biggest challenge is expanding the opportunity for students so they can have more guided opportunities to learn more television and news," Sudhoff said.

"News 8 Now" did not only cater to students, the community also played a key role in the creation of the program.

"Students need to understand the issues of the community and University to know what matters here," Sudhoff said. "Everyone has their own little world, but a good journalist breaks out of this world every day."

Two trimester classes contributed to the development of the news program. Sudhoff

said that he was pleased with the improvement and efforts of the students. He hoped that a tradition of pride would form for the Channel 8 production that was similar to other established student media.

"I'm really proud of the Broadcast Journalism and Practicum students," Sudhoff said. "They started doing something that hasn't been done for awhile, and it's not easy. I really hope that they have some pride for what they've accomplished."

### Your Line



"In Broadcasting, events happen fast and need to be covered; the pressure puts you to the test but I get a rush out of it."

—Josh Murphy

**Accounting/Finance/Economics Department.** Front Row: Doni Fry, Steve Ludwig, John Baker, Linda Hanson, Patrick McLaughlin, and Bob Cooper. Back Row: Jason White, V.C. Kharadia, Ben Collier, A.B. Kelly, Mark Jelavich, Roger Woods, Rahn Wood, and Michael Northup



by Betsy Lee

# Senior students go public with service project

Students rarely venture outside the Northwest bubble of classes, studying and partying. For senior public relations majors, their trimester assignment was to jump into the real world with both feet.



After each presentation, the audience, including Assistant Professor Roy Schwartzman, has the opportunity to ask questions. Each group presentation was 10 to 20 minutes. *photo by Amanda Byler*

"This project is brand new," Associate Professor Roy Schwartzman said. "I'm really excited about it. It allows students to fit their senior seminar learning experience into their future plans."

Seniors in the field of public relations were required to take a senior seminar class prior to graduation. Previously, an extensive research paper was needed to pass the course. This year, however, faculty developed a new program incorporating community service. Students could participate in one of four team service projects.

JoVanna Carter chose to do the service project because she viewed it as an opportunity to apply her skills. Carter's project was to help publicize a lock-in organized by a youth development group called Assets in Motion. The lock-in was held Nov. 16 and approximately 86 kids from 7-12 years old attended.

"The project meant a lot for me because I got to apply all the work I've done in a real life situation," Carter said. "It was great to see the kids get excited about coming to our event."

Other teams of students worked with Bristol Manor Senior

Center, the Nodaway County Animal Shelter and the Breathe Easy anti-smoking campaign. Students presented their projects during the last few classes.

During the presentations, Schwartzman got an idea of how the project affected the students. Shelley Caniglia, who worked on the lock-in project, said it was a wonderful experience.

"I felt like I got a real experience and a practical application of what I had learned from classes and other life experiences," Caniglia said.

According to Schwartzman, the benefits of the community service projects were limitless. He said that students picked up professional skills such as budgeting and creativity.

"These are not the sort of skills you can get from reading books," Schwartzman said. "This is learning by doing."

Looking to include more options in the future, the communications and theater arts department planned on extending the community service projects. Public relations seniors would soon have the opportunity to use knowledge learned in the classroom to help the community.



Ten minutes before taping Sara Magnus rehearses her lines while Andy Townsend runs the camera. "News 8 Now" taped their last broadcast for the 2001 year Dec. 5. *photo by Amanda Byler*



by Betsy Lee

# Management for Life

*Managerial Communication produces students with effective communication and job management skills.*

Interaction between employees could decide if an office environment would be relaxed and productive or filled with tension. The Managerial Communication class was designed to focus on this concept and learn how to effectively communicate within the workplace.

For a final project, students concentrated on communicating in different situations. One group focused on the effects of birth order on communication, outlining how to interact with a first, middle or last-born co-worker.

"Effective communication can vary depending on the birth order of who you are trying to communicate with," Angela Shulenberg said. "For first-borns, you need to give them good feedback and be sure you keep them from taking on too much."

Creating a good working environment was the focus of many of the presentations. One discussed the differences in gender communication methods pertaining to business matters.

According to Instructor Cindy Kenkel, the goal of the class was to present valuable information and make students feel confident in their ability to give information to a group.

"It is a skill you are required to demonstrate immediately in the job market," Kenkel said. "We hope to take those [who are] scared to death and make them more comfortable in front of a group."

In addition to researching effective communication, students learned how to perform well in job interviews and create a resume and a positive work environment.

"Knowing how to conduct myself in the business world was one of the most valuable things I learned in the class," Joe Anderson said. "I feel like it's prepared me to get a job."

Managerial Communication provided students with the skills necessary to gain employment and successfully interact with co-workers. The assigned presentations gave students more than a grade; it gave them knowledge they could apply directly to future jobs.

## Your Line



"If you don't practice public speaking, you can't get any better, and you won't be able to speak in front of strangers in your future career. Speaking in class gives me this practice."

-Andrew Roth

Angela Shulenberg presents her classmates with a brief introduction. Her team's presentation was focused on birth order and its effect on communication. photo by Amanda Byler

**Marketing/Management Department.** Front Row: Tina Cofelt, Steve Gilbert, Cindy Kenkel, Janet Marta, Linda Duke, Chi-Lo Lim and Ann Clark. Back Row: Jim Walker, Terry Coalter, Russ Northup, Tom Billesbach and Doug Russell.





by Betsy Lee

## Software Skills

*Programming students gain experience working on valuable projects*

Developing programs that may eventually be used within the University and throughout the state, students enrolled in Software Engineering worked hard the fall trimester.

At the conclusion of the trimester, groups presented their progress on four projects. Winter break did not guarantee a finished project and some students were forced to abandon their work, leaving it to be completed by others.

None of the software programs developed during the fall trimester were completed. Sanders said that during the 2002-2003 school year the class would be a two-trimester sequence in order to allow students to complete their projects.

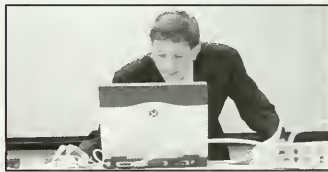
"We're trying to teach students techniques for developing large software systems," Sanders said. "This takes time."

One of the projects started this semester was a Missouri Home-School Record Keeping program. According to Sanders, the software would help home-school parents plan lessons and keep the records required by Missouri law.

"The class was basically centered around developing this project," Emily Hart said. "It has shown me how to work in a group and the life cycle of developing software."

Some software programs were developed specifically for the University; one would be used as an instructional aid in Computer Programming classes.

These programs not only helped students learn about computer programming, but would provided the University and community with innovative software. The course was beneficial to education and growing portfolios.



The computer displays his project information while Phillip Maher explains what makes up a node. Emily Hart, Ronda Cade, Greetta Kharadia and Dan Lloyd were also a part of Maher's group in software engineering. *photo by Amanda Byler*



**Agricultural Department.** Front Row: Alex Ching, Terri Vogel, Harold Brown and Tom Zweifel. Back Row: Arley Larson, Duane Jewell and Harold Brown.

by Lindsay Crump

# Food for Thought Improves Classroom

*Elementary education majors incorporate the importance of healthy eating habits into the classroom.*

Bright posters and 3-D displays lined the walls of the third floor in the Administration Building. Signs screamed slogans promoting healthy eating habits.

Pre-school and Elementary Nutrition and Information was a required class for

elementary education majors. Taught by Assistant Professor Janelle Ciak, the class objective was to learn the basics of nutrition while making the concepts understandable for children.

"The assignment is farsighted enough to

where all of the students will be able to incorporate this into their classrooms," Ciak said. "Students could make bulletin boards or even prepare meals with their future students."

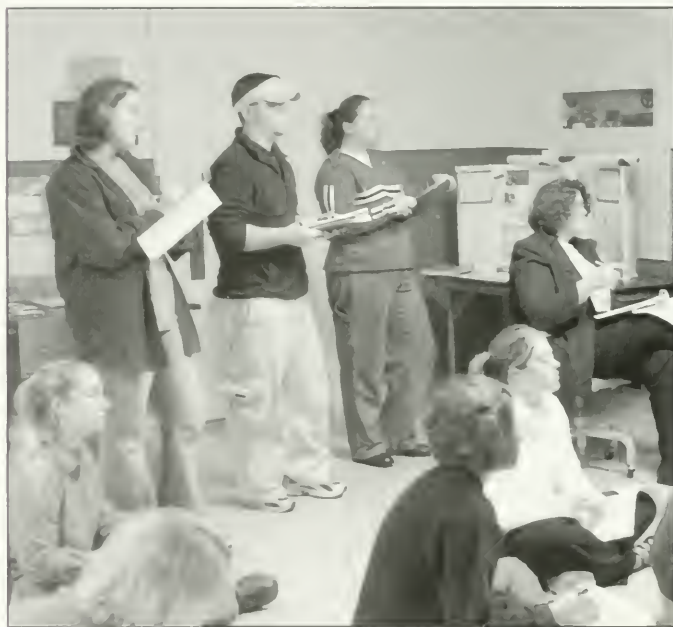
Culminating the information taught in class, the poster project provided an opportunity to share knowledge.

Students were given five topics to choose from; the object was to create a poster that both adults and children could learn from.

Students then presented their projects to the entire class explaining why they chose their topic, the materials used and what aspects of the class they had incorporated.

Wall-to-wall splashes of color were an interesting change for the third floor of the Administration Building. Individuals who stopped to gaze at the bright posters took away information about nutrition, as well as a better understanding of healthy eating habits.

Students fill the third floor of the Administration Building to observe their classmates presentations. Students took notes and were allowed to ask questions at each conclusion. *photo by Amanda Byler*



**Human Environmental Services Department.** Front Row: Nancy Riley, Pretti Suppal, Margaret Drew, Pat Thompson and Regina Knott. Back Row: Jean Bouas, Shirley Steffens, Julie Allbee, Carol Tjeerdema, Nancy Foley and Carolyn McCall.





by Betsy Lee

# Miniature world provides big lessons

*Early Childhood Education majors get a taste of what teaching entails at the preschool level*

The elevator door slid open revealing a miniature water fountain and two tiny sinks standing two feet off the ground. A little blonde head bobbed by, approaching a sink that was just her size.



**Behind the scenes,** graduate student Colleen McKinsey wraps Christmas presents for the children. The early childhood Christmas party took place in Horace Mann Lab School. *photo by Amanda Byler*

In the basement of Brown Hall, the Early Childhood Development Center class gathered to enjoy food and games in preparation for the holidays. Parents sat in chairs sized for their children enjoying the colorful atmosphere.

Education majors found the ECDC to be a critical asset. Students in various departments and classes worked with the children, applying concepts learned from their studies. Early Childhood Practicum, taught by Assistant Professor Margaret Drew, was a class that spent a lot of time with the kids. The practicum was taken right before Early Childhood minors did their student teaching.

"The pre-service teachers apply the knowledge from the classroom," Drew said. "Then they get feedback from the teachers and as well as the University supervisors and the kids."

In addition to spending time in the ECDC as students, many education majors chose to seek employment with the center. Brooke Hogan worked in the ECDC 18 hours per week as part of the work-study program.

"Just playing with the kids we learn something new every day," Hogan said.

"Children know more than adults think they do."

Working in the center also had its benefits professionally. Students interacting with the children had a taste of what teaching pre-schoolers would be like.

"Basically we do everything the teachers do," Hogan said. "So when I want to teach kids this age, I already have my foot in the door. It won't be as overwhelming."

The ECDC provided students with a unique opportunity to interact with children below the age of 5. While many classes required students to be involved with the center, some students worked in the center voluntarily, using it to its fullest potential.

Whatever reason students found themselves in the basement of Brown Hall, they were provided with a learning experience that involved working in a unique environment.

Surrounded by furniture, computers and toys all sized for people under 3 feet tall, students got to experience a preschool teaching environment.

## Your Line



"In this class you learn to teach children what they need to know to grow healthy and strong."

**-Katie Lackovic**

**Psychology/Sociology/Counseling Department.** Front Row: Mike Thomson, Connie Teaney, Carla Edwards, Kyoung Ho Shin and Rebecca Hendrix. Row 2: Larry Riley, Shelly Hiatt, Carol Clafin and Roger Neustadter. Back Row: John Bowers, David LoConto, Jackie Kibler, Doug Dunham, April Haberyan and Jarrod Barnett



by Betsy Lee

# Kip Kittens Tumble into Learning

*HPERD's Creative Movement students try out their teaching skills with preschool gymnastic students.*

Giggling and gesturing excitedly, the preschoolers arrived at 5:30 p.m. and enthusiastically jumped onto the mats. They sat in a circle, awaiting their warm-up and instructions from students in the Creative Movement class.

Every Thursday from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., students in the Creative Movement class, taught by Instructor Gina Scott, worked with preschool gymnasts enrolled in Kip Kittens. Parents could enroll their child in the class for \$20 a month. Kip Kittens was designed to make children comfortable with apparatus such as the uneven bars, vault, rings and balance beam.

Creative Movements students, who were required to work eight sessions of Kip Kittens, worked one-on-one with an average of 26 kids. A array of acrobatic activities were taught in the class.

"We teach the kids the basics; how to do forward rolls, cartwheels and a bunch of other things," Rachel Jenkins said. "Anything to make them have fun."

Kip Kittens was not only beneficial for the kids, but the instructors as well. Working with children gave students valuable teaching experience.

"Kip Kittens is beneficial for anyone who comes and helps," Jenkins said. "You get to see these children and how courageous they really are. It is an experience, interacting with the little children to see if you really want to

do it in the future."

Creative Movements students combined knowledge from their education and physical education classes to teach preschoolers to perform on the beam, mats and bars.

To assist her preschool partner in completing the rope climb, Don Beattie helps her child into position. Kip Kittens was held in the Martindale Gymnasium. photo by Amanda Byler



## Your Line



"As a future educator, [Kip Kittens] gives me hands-on learning experience working with children."

-Jeremy Snyder

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# Urban Experiences Enlighten Future Teachers

Educational Leadership students visit Hickman Mills High school to gain training in diversity.



During the shadowing project, Brooks Brown talks with a Hickman Mills High School student during his lunch break. Northwest students traveled to Hickman Mills on Nov. 27. photo courtesy of Lloyd Kilmer

Angry teenagers strolled down the hallways of the urban high school doing drugs, wearing gang paraphernalia, carrying weapons in their coats and concealing drugs in their lockers.

This was the stereotype of inner-city high schools often portrayed in the media. It was enough to frighten teachers away from employment opportunities in large cities, especially if they had never been to an urban high school.

When the Secondary Education Practicum I class went to shadow students at Hickman Mills High School in Kansas City, Mo., many were apprehensive about what they would find. For those who had never been to an urban school, the visit on Nov. 27 was enlightening.

"I went to a rural high school so I had no idea what to expect," Heather Dennis said. "It wasn't like what you see on TV. I mean, you see schools with tons of security and fights in the hallways; there was some security but it wasn't like I expected."

According to Assistant Professor Lloyd Kilmer,

the objective of the exercise was to expose students to a diverse teaching environment and to dispel myths about inner-city teaching.

"The shadowing gives students a greater perspective of what we face as teachers," Kilmer said. "It teaches them that there are positive things about having diversity in the classroom."

Visiting an inner city high school was an annual event for the practicum students. Every year the class visited a Kansas City Metropolitan area or Omaha, Neb., high school for shadowing. Students enrolled in the 1 credit hour course were also required to perform 24 hours of observation and seven hours of classroom work.

Considering all activities of the class, Dennis said the shadowing was the most beneficial learning experience. It taught her that she had no reason to avoid teaching in an inner-city school.

"This activity taught me that diversity is a good thing," Dennis said. "It made me realize that it actually does work and that this is a different world than what we see on TV."



On safety in mind, Josh Brington and Cheris Brington keep a close eye on their pupil. HPERD events were separated into groups so each child received some personal attention. photo by Linda Byler



## Educational Leadership Department.

Front Row: Gary Benneotte, Frank Gispino, Ina Liste and Dana Christman. Row 2: William Lockwood, Joyce Piveral, Hui-Ju Huang and Carol Baker. Back Row: Phillip Messner, Gary Howren, Michael Graham and Carol Edmonds.



by Betsy Lee

*Lab activities increase the learning experience for both students and teaching assistants involved in Chemistry courses.*

# Assistants Aid Professors' Lab Classes

Lab goggles fogged over as students crowded around the table in an attempt to get a closer look at the chemical reaction occurring in the test tube.

In two-hour lab sections, over 500 chemistry students had the opportunity to view the chemical reactions they had been reading about. With the number of students, professors like Barrett Eichler relied on teaching assistants to keep classes running smoothly.

"They do a lot of work for us here in the department," Eichler said. "For me personally, TAs prepare a lot of the materials and help in class with students' questions."

TAs were usually paid minimum wage for their efforts in the classroom. Other opportunities often arose from the position. Erin Malone, who worked in Eichler's labs, also tutored students on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

"Being a TA in lab classes is a lot of fun," Malone said. "It has been a good learning experience."

As a chemistry major, Malone enjoyed sharing her knowledge with students

starting in the field. She believed lab classes were invaluable to chemistry courses.

"I believe the lab classes really help the students," Malone said. "Especially the visual learners, because you can automatically see the results."

Visual learners found the battery lab in Electro Chemistry class contributed to their learning experience.

"We talked about how batteries work on the board," Eichler said. "But until they make a battery themselves, they can't really understand how it works."

Combining the lab instructor's knowledge and the TAs past experiences, chemistry lab students had access to a

wealth of material. Chemistry labs provided visual learners with an opportunity to understand the lesson.

"They solidify the ideas that are learned in class," Eichler said. "You see their purpose when students do hands-on work with chemicals and materials."

With the help of TAs, students could take in their new information visually. They were not the only ones learning from the class; the TA's walked away with a newfound knowledge.

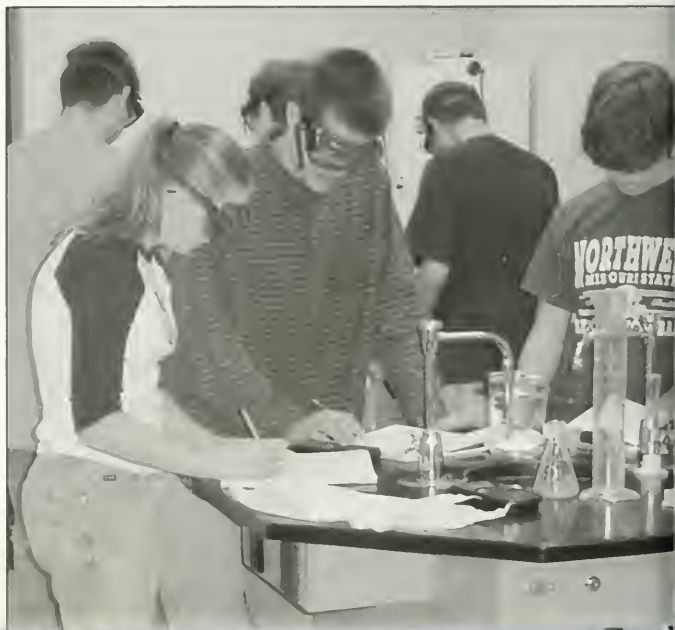
**Recording results from an experiment,** Chemistry 115 students Katie Isbell, Ted Brigham, Daniel King and Alysa Gilson tabulate their findings. Assistant Professor Barrett Eichler conducted a two-hour lab during the fall trimester. photo submitted by Barrett Eichler

## Your Line



"Being a TA for a Chemistry lab class looks good on a résumé, it's also an easy way to improve your skills."

-Erin Malone



by Betsy Lee

## Biology Labs create visual learning

Legs pulled apart by twine, the fetal pig was prepared for dissection. After making an incision down the pig's abdomen, the skin was pinned back to reveal organs and systems that were very similar to that of a human.

"My favorite lab class was the fetal pig dissection," Tonya Stagner said. "It really gave me a better idea of where all the organs are within the body."

General biology lab students met once per week to perform experiments and learn information supplemental to the class. More than 600 students participated in 22 lab sections offered during the fall trimester. Students not only dissected fetal pigs, but also performed experiments involving photosynthesis and cellular respiration.

"The lab where we got to see photosynthesis happen was the most interesting for me," Teal Davis said. "It helped me understand how long photosynthesis actually takes."

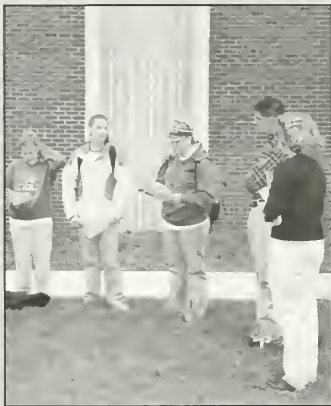
Lab sections demonstrated material in a way that students could not only read about, but understand visually.

"I learn better seeing stuff happen," Davis said. "So when I do stuff in the lab that goes along with the lecture, it helps me understand the material more."

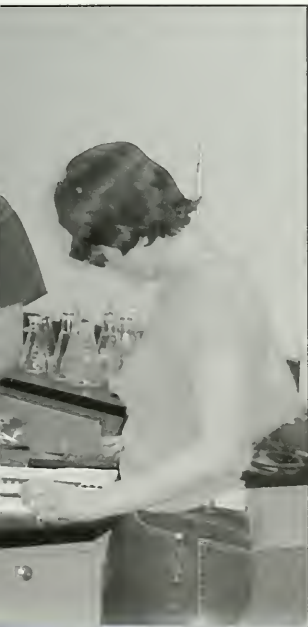
In addition to providing students with alternative methods of learning, the lab gave students insight on how biology affects everyday life. One of the assignments emphasizing this idea was the ecology article presentation. Students were required to research an ecology article, write a personal reaction to the reading and present their findings to the class.

"I believe that the ecology article lab has an influence on students," lab instructor Janette Padgett said. "The assignment makes them aware of the issues in biology that effect their everyday lives."

Through dissections and hands-on activities, student were able to learn about their surroundings, a welcomed alternative to class lectures.



After a fire drill forces her class outside, Anna Nabors continues to give her presentation. Coral reefs and global warming was the focus of Nabors's presentation. photo by Betsy Lee



**Chemistry/Physics Department.**  
Front Row: Rick Toomey, Barrett Eichler, Jim Smeltzer and John Shaw.  
Back Row: Rafiq Islam, Ahmmed Malkawi, Pat Lucido, Angela Bickford and Mike Bellamy.

by Betsy Lee

# Active Involvement in Nature

*Taking the classroom to the outdoors emphasizes the importance of conservation and understanding.*

Hands were becoming blue from the cold and thorns bit at the ankles of students as they trekked through trails down to the conservation pond.

Venturing into the woods to collect water samples from three locations, Environmental Geology students had the opportunity to learn hands-on about water quality in the Maryville area. During a two-hour lab, the class took samples from Colden Pond, Conservation Pond and a nearby stream to test phosphate and nitrate levels, temperature and the amount of debris floating in the water.

"This exercise forced students to get out in our area and look at the water quality," Assistant Professor Stacie Enslinger said. "Hopefully, it will make them think more about what people did to get that stuff in the water and what we can do about it."

With the goal of teaching students to appreciate the outdoors, Enslinger said the class was designed to be in tune with the surroundings.

"After this class is over students are going to be aware of the environment and what goes on

in it," Enslinger said.

In addition to collecting water samples, students participated in debates and virtual labs.

"One of the coolest virtual labs we had was one about where coal was found," Enslinger said. "It was as close as we can get to the real thing."

Enslinger concentrated on contemporary issues. When government officials were considering drilling for oil in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, Enslinger had students debate the topic. Students were assigned a viewpoint

they had to research and defend.

"This activity made students realize how much all these decisions effect us," Enslinger said. "Students learn a lot more by doing it themselves instead of reading about it in a book."

A variety of activities offered a real understanding of the students' surroundings. Environmental Geology allowed students to apply class materials in nature.

**Alongside the stream,** Andrea Johnson and Justin Carter record their observations. Students were required to first observe their surroundings before continuing with their lab assignment. photo by Amanda Byler



**Geology/Geography Department.** Front Row: Richard Felton, Marcus Gillespie, Joseph Reese, Staci Enslinger, Renee Rohs and Karen Hoskey. Back Row: Patricia Drews, Mark Corson, Nog Man, Jett Bradley, Ted Goudge, Gregory Haddock, Steven Schnell and Charles Dodds.

## Your Line



"Labs allow me to get hands on experience and see the information rather than just hearing it in a classroom."

**-Brandon Robinetti**







by Betsy Lee

## Geography project proves challenging

After several late nights spent in front of a computer screen, the projects were finally completed and the Advanced Geography Information Systems students were ready to present.

For two weeks, students had been working on their site analysis project. Groups determined a location for anything from a late-night diner in Maryville to a landfill in Jackson County, Mo. In order to determine the site, parameters were set, based on extensive research. Maps were then created, explaining the parameters and the site chosen. Once the research and maps were finished, students prepared PowerPoint presentations and research papers to complete the project. The project required extensive amounts of work.

"I worked for probably 78 hours on this project," Paul Brandt said.

According to Assistant Professor Richard Haddock, Advanced GIS was one of the most difficult classes in the program.

"This is truly one of those classes where two hours of outside work is required for every one you put in," Haddock said. "Many geography students are a GIS minor and this class is a requirement for that. A lot of students find employment based on a GIS minor."

After working for several weeks developing, researching and designing presentations, students reported their findings to the class in one of their final sessions of the trimester. After students shared their information, they filled out their course evaluations, knowing that they had completed one of the most difficult courses in their minor.



Referring to a PowerPoint map, Michael Hickman points out the locations of each Maryville bar. Hickman was joined by Brandon Banks and Paul Brandt who chose the topic of late night dinning in Maryville for their geography presentations. *photo by Amanda Byler*

In order to measure how well electricity is transmitted through the water, Karla Strain and Andrea Croskrey use a conductivity meter. The water quality lab took place in and around the conservation pond. *photo by Amanda Byler*

by Betsy Lee

# History Class Focuses on Food

*The Folk Life class fills brains and stomachs with hands-on information and authentic food presented by students in the course.*

The aroma of traditional German and African food hovered in the air around Module 5, enticing students inside. Upon entering, students sampled foreign cuisine, learning ways culture effected society's food choices.

The Folk Life class, a history course, looked at all aspects of folk influence. Student projects illustrated the influence of folk life on traditional foods and dancing.

"The square dance is the reflection of so many different dances blended together," Robin Moser said. "It just gives you a taste of everything."

Moser gave a PowerPoint presentation and demonstrated steps for the class, explaining where they originated.

"Square dance is a universal language; it comes from everywhere," Moser said. "A couple from another country can be in the crowd; following the steps without a problem and then the music would stop and you would try to talk to them and realize they didn't even speak English."

Presentations were the result of a trimester of work. According to Moser, it was the main assignment for the course.

One of the unique features about these presentations was the necessary fieldwork which required students to perform interviews. According to Moser, unique presentations were the norm in the Folk Life class.

"I hope the University continues to offer this

class, it is completely unique and you learn a tremendous amount," Moser said. "I don't think a lot of people realize they even offer it."

**After the German Oktoberfest presentation,** Sara Dielman watches as Jeffrey Easton gives the bratwurst a try. Other presentations involved topics such as African American folk tales. *photo by Shane McAsey*



## Your Line



"Understanding the heritage and history behind people is very important in understanding individuals and their influences."

- Robin Moser

**History/Humanities/Philosophy/Social Science Department.** Front Row: Thomas Carneal, Thomas Spencer, Patricia Headley, Richard Field and James Eiswert. Back Row: Richard Frucht, Janice Brandon Falcone, Matthew Johnson, Ronald Ferns, Michael Steiner, Monica Knapp and Joel Benson.



# Aspiring authors reveal talents

Clutching papers in front of them, English students prepared to read their work to a group of peers and professors. A slight shake of hands revealed the nervousness of some in sharing their work for the first time.

"I was nervous," Laura Pearl said. "I've never read stuff out loud in front of people before, and it was stuff that I wrote."

Not required for any course, students participated in the readings voluntarily. One type of reading involved seniors, another was a collaboration between students and professors.

"We think this increases the bonds between the students and faculty," Assistant Professor Amy Benson said.

The student readings were a popular event, Benson said there were rarely empty chairs. Usually 30 to 40 people came to the evening readings. Students

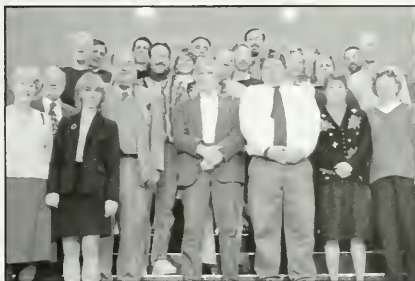
mainly participated to gain confidence in their work.

"Students come to hear their peers read, and the faculty comes to give students good feedback," Benson said. "We're trying to foster the confidence of the students."

Students covered a large variety of topics: everything from poetry to nonfiction was read from the podium. While some of the readings were touching, others were meant to be humorous.

"Some people laughed because we had to write a fiction story and mine was about living in the residence halls," Pearl said. "It was pretty funny."

Overcoming stage fright, students not only gained confidence in their writing, but exposed a bit about themselves and their talents. Reading personal work in the public eye was a learning experience from both sides of the podium.



**English Department.** Front Row: Barbara Heusel and Nancy Mayer. Row 2: David Slater, Bruce Little, Carrol Fry, David Leaton, Beth Richards and Jean Hurst. Row 3: Kenton Wilcox, Michael Hobbs, Brenda Ryan, Steve Shively, William Waters, Amy Benson, Catie Rosemurgy and Paul Jones. Back Row: Jeff Loomis, Corey Andrews, Craig Goad, Tom Hardee, Ellen Kaler and Wayne Chandler.



**PowerPoint facts backing him up,** Chad Evans debates his side on the Affirmative Action issue. Students in Kevin Buterbaugh's American Government class were required to debate once a trimester. photo by Amanda Byler

by Lindsay Crump

## Conflict leads to comprehension

Arguments flew across the room as quickly as the icy glares that accompanied them.

Students in Kevin Buterbaugh's American Government class debated on a wide variety of topics. According to Buterbaugh, many students gained understanding through the debates.

"Debates are used to get students actively involved in their own learning," Buterbaugh said.

The debates helped students comprehend the concepts presented in the course.

"It was an interesting assignment that took up a lot of time," Lisa Archer said. "But I learned aspects about the topic that I

probably wouldn't have been taught in class because of all the research I had to do on it."

Students were divided into teams of three to five people. Following a 16-minute presentation given by each group, the audience had 18 minutes to question both teams. Teams with the most comprehensive research were usually victorious.

After the debate finished, students took away a greater understanding of the topics researched and an experience in defending their beliefs. Even after the icy glares had disappeared, the knowledge gained still remained.



**Political Science Department.** Richard Fulton, Robert Dewhirst, Daniel Smith, Kevin Buterbaugh and David McLaughlin.



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# Behind the Scenes

*Discover the secrets of the art of directing in a series that focuses on the techniques of directing*

# Directing

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During the interval prior to the start of spring, he develops the ideas behind the three-week experience. Morris says the experience and feasibility took time.

The reason being the apex of the creative work, his expression of nature in the use of his Morris said, "I think it essential to anybody who has the idea of the work."

During the scenes, students received the script and took a full minute of silent reflection. The teacher stood by and the student was instructed that all signs were to be hidden once the big show.



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## Library assists research workload

To the untrained eye, a virtual maze of cluttered hallways, corridors and books were all organized in some mysterious way referred to as the Dewey Decimal System. Many students knew that the library contained a wealth of knowledge, but many had difficulty finding the facts they needed.

In order to decipher the labyrinth of information, students turned to the Help with Research program. The Help with Research program was a service offered by the library since 1995. Connie Ury, one of the program sponsors, said students using the service learned how to effectively research topics within their major.

"We don't do the research for the student," Ury said. "We just help create an avenue for their research."

In addition to helping students gather information for papers, the service also introduced students to alternative methods of research.

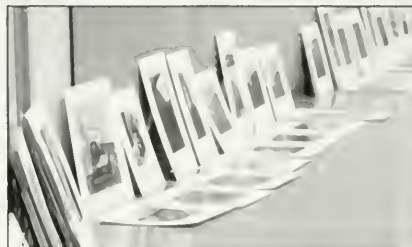
"Many students don't know about ERIC or GEO Base," Ury said. "These are the definite research bases for Education and Geography majors."

Students using the service made an appointment and brought in their research topic. They then sat down with a research consultant to locate Web sites which pertained to their paper.

"I recommend using the service because there's not a lot of time in the day," Jessica Scheuler said. "This makes it easier to get the info you need faster and more efficiently."

Help with Research was a welcomed service and over 150 people participated in the fall. The service gave students an opportunity to learn how to research effectively and quickly within their field.

**Preparing for the critique** Karen Kehl is the first to set up her pictures in the hallway. A majority of students' pictures focused on nature. photo by Amanda Byler



### Your Line



"Art photography has given me a different way of looking at the world; it also taught me a new skill."

-Jeremy Francis

**Art Department.** Front Row: Armin Musham and Paul Falcone. Back Row: Russell Schmajohn, Kim Spradling, Phillip Laber and Kenneth Nelsen.





by Josh Flaharty

# Photography Class Captures New Perspective

*Images lined the hallways as a testament of Phil Laber's Creative Photography class.*



Behind covered windows, 12 students studied the chemical process and the effects of light on their product. Students in Phil Laber's Creative Photography class learned their trade through in-class demonstrations and hands-on experience.

Laber, who had taught the class since arriving at Northwest 26 years ago, said little had changed about the course except his ability to present the content more simply and directly.

"I want to give students a new visual acuity and an ability to think and see the world more abstractly and less literally," Laber said. "I

think that's what all my teaching has become: I let it sneak up on [students] and then one day it'll just hit them and they'll realize that things are different."

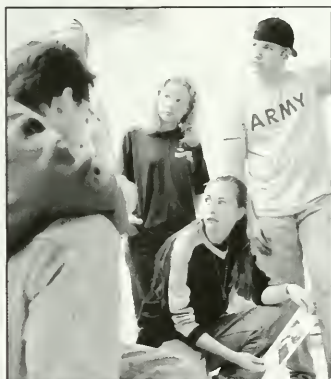
Students in the class came from different areas of study at Northwest. Some were taking the course as a requirement for their majors, others enrolled out of interest in the subject matter.

"This class has taught me to not be afraid to take chances," Karen Kehl said. "Using materials is the only way to try an idea. Even if you fail, you've learned something."

As part of the new Interactive Digital Media major, students were required to take Creative Photography until a course was created which focused on digital photography.

"It's my intent to not have digital photography become something that is totally unrelated to analog photography," Laber said.

Giving students a new perspective in viewing life, Creative Photography offered students an opportunity to learn a skill that was applicable no matter what their field.



After cleaning the darkroom students gather in the hallway to critique each other's work. The photographs that were chosen by the students as the best work were displayed during the spring trimester. *photo by Amanda Byler*



ROTC. James Wycoff, Gary Moore, Jim Schreifer and Brian Stackhouse

by Betsy Lee

# Work Begins while Others Sleep

*While most students slept comfortably in their beds, others toiled through the night to complete academic tasks.*

An inner war was waged, body against mind. Desperate to stay awake, to keep working, to finish the story, the art project, the paper; minds fought off waves of sleep, forcing eyelids to remain open.

In the waning hours of the night when many students lay snug in their beds, bleary-eyed, delirious students toiled at various locations around campus.

From the basement of Wells Hall to rooms scattered through the Olive Deluce Fine Arts Building, fluorescent lights burned and computers hummed hours past the normal academic schedule.

"I have spent so many sleepless nights cramming in drawings and sculptures," art major Corey Gillespie said. "I get weird late at night."

In the Fine Arts Building, art majors worked on projects that required many hours of focus. When the daytime was taken up by classes and other activities art students were forced to spend nights completing their projects.

"It sucks having so much to do and having to come up with creative ideas at two in the morning," Jeff Bailey said.

Developing new and innovative ideas in the

wee moments of the morning was a problem facing many individuals working after-hours. For students working on publications in the basement of Wells Hall, staring at a computer screen for long periods of time compounded this dilemma.

"My brain just starts to feel like mush," Marjie Kosman, Editor-in-chief of the *Northwest Missourian* student newspaper, said. "It's like it's just this pile of liquid in my head that's going to run out of my ears soon."

Nights of work eventually gave students on publications the nickname "basement dwellers." According to Kosman, this surname fostered a family atmosphere among staff members.

"There is a certain sense of pride that comes with it, even though people think you're crazy," Kosman said. "It makes me proud that I do this and that I'm doing something for the campus and the community."

Producing a quality product was what kept students working late into the night. When the paper was finished and the art project completed, students sometimes had time for

a quick nap before it was time to get back to work or head to class. Although the long hours were stressful on the mind and body, students continued to work into the morning because of the pride they had in a job well done.

## Your Line



"Working after hours on art projects doesn't feel like work to me, because it's something that I love."

-Christine Stuve





**After hours,** Andy Rogers works diligently on his work for advanced drawing. Students had to put in extra effort to finish projects before the Olive Deluce Fine Arts building closed at midnight. *photo by Shane McAsey*



**The Owens Library** computer center fills with students. Work had to be finished by midnight before the library closed. *photo by Amanda Byler*

**In the early hours of the morning,** Photography Editor John Petrovic prepares his photographs for the *Northwest Missourian*. *Missourian* editors were known to spend late nights working in the basement of Wells Hall. *photo by Amanda Byler*





by Chris Bolinger

# Services Relieve Job Hunt Stress

*Answers to the many questions concerning employment and internships are found in the Career Services office.*

The real world was coming. To help students get ready for the upcoming challenges, career services provided students with all the tools needed to pick a future and find a job.

The Career Services office, located in the Administration Building, assisted students in choosing a major, networking with businesses to find internships and creating the best resume possible.

Intern Director Rosalie Weathermon said that many students came to career services and set up appointments to help them revise their résumé and interviewing skills.

Career Services also hosted many events throughout the year to help set up internships and jobs. Career Day was a biannual event aimed at helping students

network in the workplace. Over 100 companies participated.

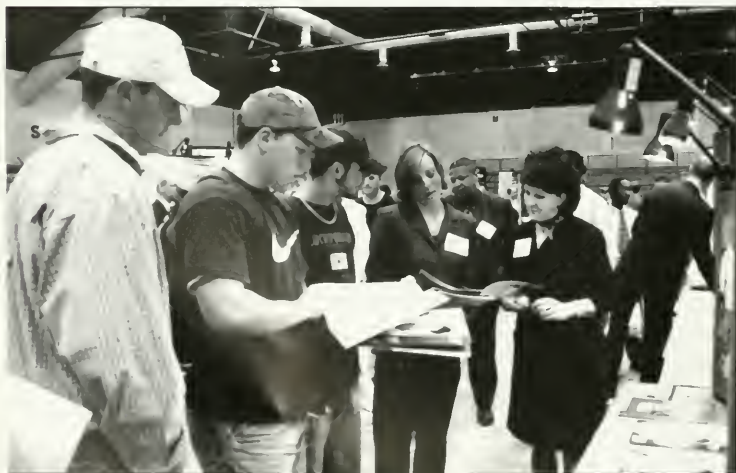
"Career Day has been going on for some time now," Weathermon said. "Many students think that Career Day is just for juniors and graduating seniors and that is not true. Freshmen and sophomore students can come and make contacts with the companies they are interested in. Then, when they are ready to fill the internship or full-time position, they will have already had contacts with the company."

Also organized by Career Services was Teacher Placement Day. School districts from Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri and Iowa came to campus looking for future teachers.

"One new event for any of the education majors is the Virtual Teacher Placement," Weathermon said. "This gives students the access to reach teachers from the four-state [area] on-line."

Whether it was personal interviews or on-line contracts, Career Services provided an outlet for those looking for a job. As graduation grew near, Career Services had the answer to the daunting questions..

In business clothes and résumés in hand, students poured into Bearcat Arena for Northwest's Career Day. From Aramark to Sprint, both local and national businesses offered students jobs and internships. photo by Amanda Byler

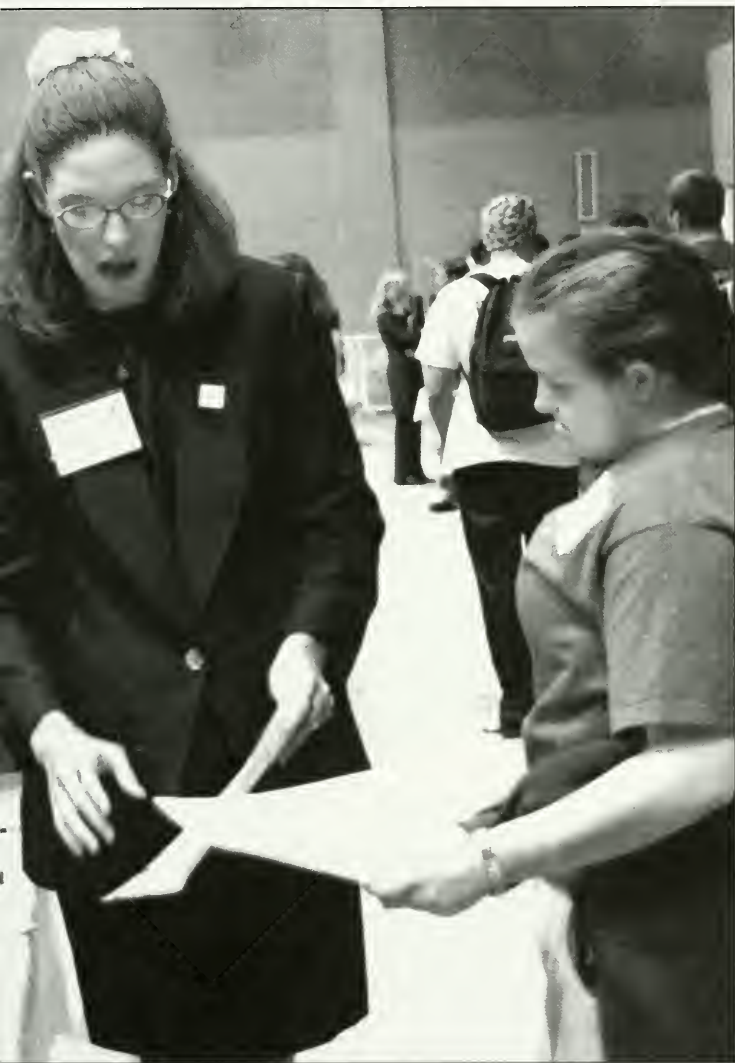


## Your Line



The Career Services department has resources and networking capabilities available that I had never dreamed of."

-Carissa Bolinger



While investigating a possible internship, the Boxter picks up an application from Deborah Wagner, a recruiter from the Girl Scout Association, during the career fair. When I came to Northwest I knew that some students would be interested in internships but I was surprised some were interested in careers," said Deborah Wagner. photo by Amanda Bylar

by Chris Bolinger

## Mock Interview Day

Mock Interview Day was sponsored by Career Services twice a year. The purpose of the event was to help students hone their interviewing skills, gain experience with professional business conversations and gave participants an opportunity to have a real-world interview with a real-world employer. The overall goal of the event was to make students more comfortable with the interviewing process.

"Students need the practice for interviewing," Jason Klindt, Career Services Graduate Assistant said. "In this atmosphere, students get a different perspective of their interviewing skills from a real company. Employers get to tell you what they want in a potential hire."

Students were pleased with event as well. They took advantage of potential job openings and learned of new areas in their majors.

"I was interested in the Federal Reserve Bank, and after this interview, their job opportunities really caught my attention," Esra Aydar said.

Another student improved her organization and preparation when going into her interview.

"I had a positive experience," Debra Wehmeyer said. "The employer gave me good advice for improving my résumé and interviewing skills."

Career Services held many events throughout the course of the year, including another Mock Interview Day in the spring and two career fairs.

"We are a learning institution," Klindt said. "These types of events were just another way for our students to learn and prepare for the real-world."

# Fostering Students' Academic Success

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## Portrait



**Portrait of a man, likely a school official.**

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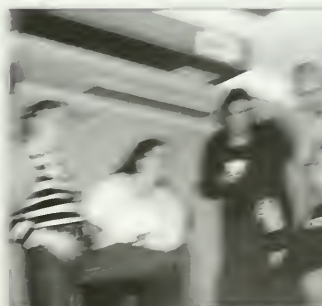
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by Mandy Lauck

# Tour of Educational Options

*Student ambassadors offer assistance in promoting Northwest through campus tours with prospective students.*

It was the concern on many high school seniors' minds, the answer to the never-ending question of where they were going to college. Bombarded with letters and information on a variety of educational institutions, students tried to make a decision that would change their lives dramatically.

Student ambassadors played a major role in the University's admissions. Tiffany Johnston was one of the ambassadors who led students on tours through campus.

After taking a tour the summer before her freshman year, Johnston knew she wanted to become an ambassador. At the time of her inquiry, there were scholarships available for the position.

"I asked the girl who was conducting my tour if there was any way I could be an ambassador," Johnston said. "She said there was, and after two interviews, I was accepted as an ambassador."

According to Johnston, one of the advantages to the job was that it allowed her to meet prospective students. Ambassadors also had the advantage of attending all promotional events held at the University.

Johnston said one thing that she enjoyed about being an ambassador was getting a set schedule and working five hours a week. The hours were divided between four hours that were spent giving two-hour tours and attending required meetings.

When ambassadors gave tours, they varied from student to student. An art major spent more time in the Olive DeLuce Fine Arts Building, while other students wanted just a brief overview of the campus. The ambassador's job was to cater to what the student wanted to see.

One of the important aspects to Johnston was showing the prospective individual that the Northwest faculty cared about students.

"When a student comes to campus and I give him a tour, I want that person to leave knowing that Northwest is a good school to go to," Johnston said.

## Your Line



"Picking a college is a life changing decision, I became a student ambassador to help students with the college decision-making process."

**-Katie Phillips**

**After the tour,** Tiffany Johnston explains scholarship possibilities to Jake Scott and his father Don. Jake planned on taking his ACT again to try to raise his score in order to qualify for scholarships. *photo by Brett Stewart*





Student ambassador Tiffany Johnston explains the social outlets on and off campus to a prospective freshman. Johnston shared information on many University clubs and organizations. *photo by Brett Stewart*

While leading the Scott family to the J.W. Jones Student Union, Tiffany Johnston discusses the campus meal plans. Aladine plans provided different amounts of money to accommodate any type of eating habit. *photo by Brett Stewart*





by Mandy Lauck and Jill Robinson

# Continual Quest for Quality

*Records were broken and celebrations began when Northwest won the Missouri Quality Award for the second consecutive time since 1997.*

Even the chocolates, wrapped in silver, had the logo. The Missouri Quality stamp was printed in royal purple on candy, drinking glasses and menus scattered on decorated tables. This was no small occasion. For an educational institution to receive the award was something to be proud of, but capturing it twice called for a grand celebration.

Since the first Missouri Quality Award in 1992, 20 different business cooperations had received the honor. The award was presented annually to promote quality awareness and recognize performance excellence. University President Dean Hubbard said it was something to strive for, but quality had been a critical part of Northwest prior to the creation of this award.

Examiners involved in the judging for the Missouri Quality Award arrived at Northwest Sept. 30 and toured the campus talking to faculty, students and administrators throughout their five-day stay. Hubbard was optimistic about the review.

## Your Line



-University President Dean Hubbard

"Even before the existence of the Quality Award, myself and other Northwest leaders formed the concepts of continual improvement."

"I was very proud of how the visit went," Hubbard said. "The judges met with over 200 people consisting of students, staff and faculty. Everyone they spoke to had complete information on their job and their surrounding area."

The scoring was based on a scale of 100-1000, average being 300-400. Hubbard estimated that the University scored between 700-800.

Hubbard's predictions were correct, and excitement erupted as Northwest was named the winner of the Missouri Quality Award for the second time since 1997. The honor could only be won every four years, and Northwest was the first educational institution to win the award, and only the second organization to claim it twice.

In response to the accomplishment, a reception was held for the public Dec. 7 from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the J.W. Jones Student Union Boardroom. Rep. Rex Barnett, R-Mo., Sen. David Klindt, R-Mo. and Hubbard were scheduled to speak. Punch and cookies were served, but the larger celebration was still to come.

Taking two buses, faculty, the entire Board of Regents and approximately 40 students made the trip to St. Louis Dec. 13.

The black-tie affair was held at the Marriott Hotel. A Governor's Reception and Awards

A sign hangs proudly as students and faculty arrive for the Missouri Quality Award reception. Senator David Klindt spoke to the crowd in the J.W. Jones Student Union Boardroom Dec. 7. photo by Amanda Byler

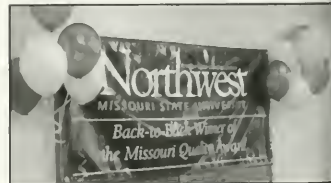
Presentation Banquet were planned and approximately 108 Northwest affiliates were present. Lt. Gov. Joe Maxwell was the key speaker of the night and his enthusiasm was shared with the proud award recipients. The only educational institute present, Northwest shared the evening with the top corporations in the state.

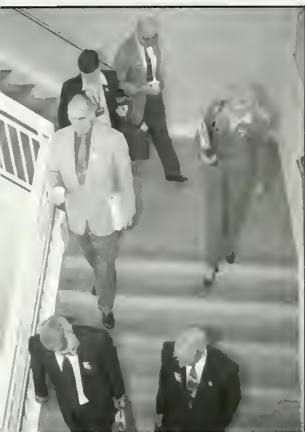
Northwest shared their pride by passing out Bobby Bearcat stickers. Even waiters and Maxwell sported the University logo.

"This is fun," Hubbard said. "The top quality leaders in the state of Missouri are here in this room tonight. With the companies that are here, it's great to be a part of that group. You don't see any other universities here."

History had been made, but Hubbard said there was no settling in a comfort zone. Improvements were always on the agenda.

After the award had been given away, memorabilia taken from the tables, the plates and glasses cleared; one thing remained, standards that set Northwest apart from other educational institutions. Proudly displayed were two awards, evidence of Northwest's commitment to quality and constant quest for excellence.





**The Site Visit Team** moves from their meeting in the J.W. Jones Student Union to begin touring the campus. Jovanna Kellough was the team leader while Jim Williamson acted as the overseer in evaluating Northwest. *photo by Michaela Kanger*



A glass of wine and quiet socializing take place in a candle lit reception room at the Marriott before the banquet. Lt. Gov. Joe Maxwell addressed those in attendance before heading to the awards ceremony. *photo by Melissa Galitz*

Receiving the Missouri Quality Award President Dean Hubbard is congratulated by the Lt. Governor of Missouri, Joe Maxwell. The ceremony was held in the Marriott Hotel in St. Louis where a dinner of filet mignon was served. *photo by Melissa Galitz*



Under the direction of conductor Al Sengel, Tom Brockman, Maggie Werning and Samantha Hildreth perform with the Symphonic Orchestra. The annual spring concert was held April 8. *photo by Michaela Kanger*



## Grow

Everybody had a story to tell. Tragedies and triumphs, secrets and memories that spilled out in conversations over coffee, walking through campus or random meetings throughout the day.

Tapestries were painted in the listener's mind of places unseen or adventures few had taken. These were the true lessons in life. Curiosity, inquiring minds and listening skills were the only requirements to open hidden doors to the secrets and stories of people along the way.

We grew from understanding different ideas and living through others' experiences. This was our three-dimensional textbook. Pieces of friends and acquaintances, professors and co-workers made imprints on our minds, their traits meshing into our ever-evolving personalities.

Few could fathom being alone and frightened with an unborn child growing inside them. It was stories such as these, of courage sprung from unsuspecting moments, that tested all those affected. These tales sparked a realization that the fight for survival was in all of us.

This survival instinct matched the drive for adventure. Stepping outside the familiar setting of school, images of an Australian skyline or the sensation of a humid afternoon in Chile sparked curiosity in the world around us.

Bottom line, everybody had something to teach us. In the maddening chaos of everyday life, it was refreshing to hear another perspective of this journey. All one had to do was open their mind and ears to the tales waiting to be told.

The average person consumes 1,500 pounds of food a year.

The short term memory capacity for most people is between five and nine items or digits.

According to the Anxiety Disorders Association, one in 11 people suffer from some kind of phobia.





The brain is more active while sleeping.

The average person falls asleep in seven minutes.

The average human produces 25,000 quarts of saliva in a lifetime.

The average person laughs 15 times a day.

According to the U.S. government, people have tried more than 28,000 ways to lose weight.

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by Jill Robinson

# Academic Achievements

Speaking in a soft reserved voice about his experiences in the past year, Chris Lewis carefully considered each sentence before answering. In his second year attending the Missouri Academy of Science, Mathematics and Computing, his high test scores were opening many doors.

Chris Lewis attended Paseo Academy for the Visual and Performing Arts in his hometown of Kansas City. Seeking to improve his general education, Lewis made the shift to the Academy at Northwest. There the concentration was focused more on mathematics and science. "I wanted to get more of a challenge academically," Lewis said. "It also pushed me with my study habits and made me ready for actual college."

This 17-year-old took his studies seriously. One of 1,500 semifinalists in the National Achievement Scholarship, Lewis prepared for his academic advancement. Students are evaluated on their PSAT scores. Lewis had the advantage of applying for merit scholarships or sponsorships from companies. Lewis did not let the pressure get to him.

"I didn't want to get too worked up

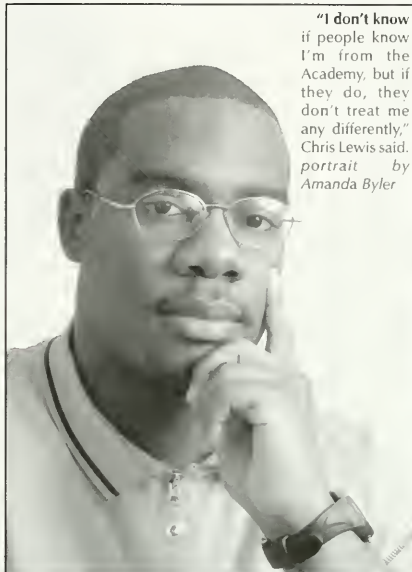
over it or I would be stressed and do poorly on it," Lewis said. "I looked over the math and just went and took it."

Lewis devoted an average of 8 to 10 hours of studying a week, but he did enjoy other activities besides schoolwork. Video games were a new hobby, as well as web design. Practicing the piano was also a passion. Since the age of 2, Lewis had been playing by ear with no formal lessons.

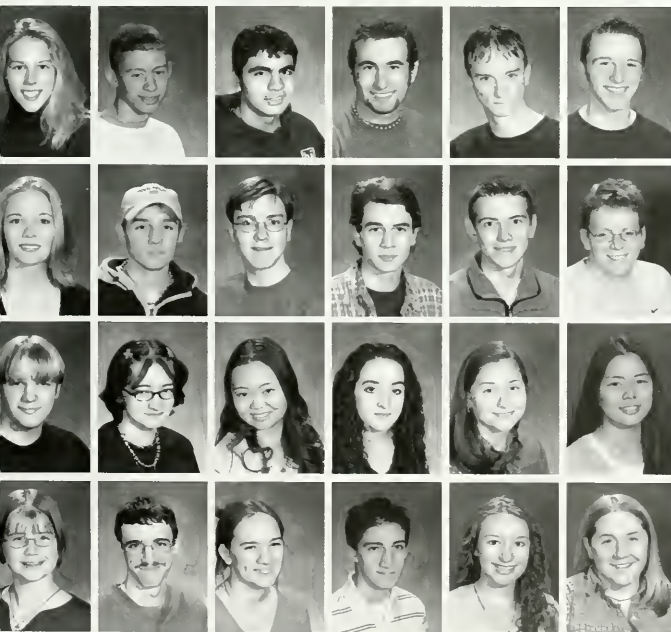
For now, the Academy offered the opportunities for him to go into medical technology or pre-law. He had no regrets in moving to the Missouri Academy.

"I miss my friends from high school and the extracurricular part of school," Lewis said. "Overall, I think this is the better place for me to be."

Giving up a life as a high school student to challenge his mind and progress academically, Chris Lewis was on his way to higher education. High aspirations to succeed by becoming a semifinalist for the National Achievement Scholarship opened doors to goals that would benefit his college career.



"I don't know if people know I'm from the Academy, but if they do, they don't treat me any differently," Chris Lewis said. *portrait by Amanda Byler*



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Shahab Shaffiey. Sedalia, Mo.  
Kyle Shelton. Harrisoville, Mo.  
Joshua Shinebarger. Ridgedale, Mo.  
Alex Spradling. Cape Girardeau, Mo.


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# Tina-Groumoutis



"I was trying to keep up with the lifestyle and trying to become a successful actress in the most grueling and competitive industry," Tina Groumoutis said. *portrait by Amanda Ryler*

# Survival of a Star in 'her New York'

ulsating with intoxicating energy and excitement, she and the rest of New York celebrated its "Subway Series," as the Yankees took on the Mets in 2000. The festivities took place in her favorite restaurant, Windows-on-World, looking down on creation from the top of the World Trade Center.

ipping on a cosmopolitan at the A&G Bar and Grill, Tina Groumoutis reflected back to a life lived in New York merely months ago. Hiding in Manhattan, Groumoutis lived on the dead-end Madison Avenue, an experience many people only dream of. But for this sassy small-town doll, it was a dream that became her life.

There wasn't a day when I didn't wake up on Madison Avenue and appreciate how awesome it was," Groumoutis said. "Within a few days I might see them filming a movie or motion picture and then hang out at Central Park and later catch a Broadway show." Groumoutis said she left her small hometown of Creston, Iowa, with only a "broken heart, a dream and a dream." Hoping to spread her wings as an actress, she ventured to the city of New York and its cabs and street vendors. The city became a microcosm of wonders that would become her New York," as she often referred to it.

In order to survive in such a demanding city, Groumoutis waitressed and bartended at an array of unique restaurants and clubs. None of these experiences was more unique than bartending at the illustrious Studio 54, located between Broadway and 8th Avenue.

An acclaimed night club during the 1980s that catered to celebrities and handpicked guests, Studio 54 pumped out disco music with an infusion of sex, drugs and rock 'n' roll. Now it housed the sold-out Tony award winning Broadway musical *Cabaret*. Night after night the theatrical magic unfolded before her eyes as she worked behind the bar.

After living in the New York for almost five years, Groumoutis began feeling like a slave to the city.

"I was trying to keep up with the lifestyle and trying to become a successful actress in the most grueling and competitive industry," Groumoutis said. "My days were spent going on auditions and my nights were spent working and going out."

Developing her craft, Groumoutis worked on New York University student films and comedy venues with Second City Improv. Paying her dues, she also worked as an extra on productions such as NBC's television drama "Law and Order"

and a movie starring Al Pacino called "People I Know." Still, Groumoutis hungered for an acting job with greater substance. Groumoutis's daily rituals of going on auditions began taxing her ambition.

"Getting told 'no' sucks and it eventually begins to seep into your self-worth," Groumoutis said. "As much as I loved the city, that lifestyle becomes too much and you just need a break."

It was then that she knew something had to change.

"I needed life to be a little easier for a while and I wanted to go back to school," Groumoutis said.

Though it was an agonizing decision, Groumoutis decided she needed to come back to the Midwest and finish college at Northwest. But not before promising herself she'd return to New York.

As she watched the events of Sept. 11 unfold, her mind raced back to the day she celebrated the World Series at Windows-On-The-World.

Sadness swept over her body and her desire and ambition to get back to "her New York" was greater than ever before. Soon, she would go back, but this time ready and armed with a degree in English and a minor in theater.



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# Recognition of Coaching Endeavors

by Tower Staff

Hard work and dedication reaped rewards after a tough football season. While athletes were receiving awards for athletic ability, one coach was recognized for his outstanding efforts.

Bart Tatum, offensive line coach and recruiting coordinator had confidence and satisfaction in his job. Playing under Head Coach Mel Tjeerdsma during his years at Austin Coach Mel Tjeerdsma was a graduate assistant for Tjeerdsma before becoming an integral part the Bearcat offense.

Tatum said the offensive linemen expressed a great amount of selflessness and were, in his opinion, the best players to coach.

"These men are willing to make personal sacrifices for the good of the offense and team," Tatum said.

His dedication to the sport involved hours of time, but it was made worthwhile when Tatum was announced National Assistant Coach of the Year, for NCAA Division II.

The award, based on coaching excellence, community service, commitment to student-athletes and contributions to the American Football Coaches Association, was bestowed on Tatum in San Antonio, Texas.

"It was nice to be honored at the national convention," Tatum said. "The award brought notoriety to our University, as well as to our football program. I was amazed how many of the coaches at the convention knew my name tag and commented on the award and our program."

Being one of the best in the nation, and coaching seven All-American's since 1997, was

no small feat. Working with the best required strong recruiting, something Tatum enjoyed.

Meeting the prospects, watching them perform and meeting their families was one of Tatum's favorite parts of the experience. The only drawback was being away from his family for long periods.

"Recruiting is one of the more enjoyable aspects of college coaching," Tatum said. "Being away from Rachel, Alec Charles and Miles Antonio for days at a time is difficult, but recruiting only lasts for a couple of months."

Involvement with a team of this caliber was a great opportunity for students to enhance their intellectual, personal and social development Tatum said. This belief, along with many others, was what made Tatum such a valuable part of the University.

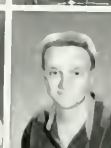
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 Julie Coney, Pre Professional Zoology



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 Marsha Cox, Psychology/Sociology  
 Emily Craveo, Merchandising  
 Nathan Crawford, Computer Management



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 Christy Crownover, Ecology  
 Elizabeth Crownover, Public Relations  
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 Troy Dargin, Vocal Music Ed/Theater Perf.  
 Courtney Davis, Child and Family Studies

# Kim Novotny



**While in New York,** Kim Novotny saw the aftermath of Sept. 11. "You never would have thought the Twin Towers would have been there or anything," Novotny said. *portrait by Amanda Byler*

# Wishes for Life

A successful battle against leukemia leads to an opportunity of a lifetime

in and out of the hospital since the age of 2, Kim Novotny not believe any wish could come true for her; she was even wrong twice.

born with one kidney and diagnosed with leukemia at the age of 13, Novotny spent most of her high school years enduring complicated illnesses and treatments.

"I've had to grow up really fast, so I feel like I'm older than most people," Novotny said.

While in the hospital, a doctor contacted the Make-A-Wish Foundation and told the organization about Novotny. Granted a wish by the foundation in 1999, Novotny decided to take the opportunity to go to New York City and meet Rosie O'Donnell.

"I wanted to meet Rosie O'Donnell because I watched her the time when I was in the hospital," Novotny said, smiling. "The kind of made my day a little brighter."

The foundation allowed Novotny to select three people to bring on her trip Nov. 10. She chose to bring her mother, her father and her best friend.

In addition to touring the Empire State building and Radio City Music Hall, the group attended a taping of "The Rosie O'Donnell Show" at NBC Studios.

"I got to meet her afterwards and that was fun," Novotny said. "She didn't really have a lot of time to talk just because she had another show to do, but she did take time to ask me how I had."

"O'Donnell gave Novotny an autographed Rosie jean jacket. Make-A-Wish also setup a make-over set up for her at an upscale New York salon.

"It was kind of cool because I never had anything that nice before," Novotny said, brushing back her blonde hair. "It was really fun because they cut my hair and layered it and I was there for like 3 1/2 hours. I was like 'Oh, I didn't know I needed that bad.'"

After her visit with O'Donnell in New York, Novotny received a long-term wish; her cancer had remained in remission for five years.

Her health improved so much she only had to have a yearly physical checkup; but she had to be more careful about catching illnesses.

Going up a lot of stairs is kind of hard and I run out of breath," Novotny said. "But I'm pretty much back to normal." The importance of living to the fullest was stressed by the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Novotny had her wishes granted, and she returned to New York and freedom from cancer.



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**Shana Davis.**  
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**William Davis**  
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**Joel Debrun.**  
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**Amber Degner.**  
M. School Ed  
**Michele Derks.**  
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**Mike Dieckman.**  
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**Nicole Diecksen.**  
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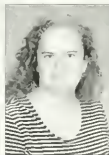
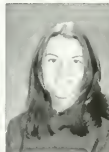
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# Cathy Wright



"I just like the kids; I just sort of adopted them and tried to be their grandma away from home," Cathy Wright said. *portrait by Nate Marquiss*

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Melissa Engle, Merchant of Textiles  
Janis Evans, Elementary Ed  
Wendy Evans, Geography  
Janis Fajen, Animal Science  
Stacy Farmer, Elementary Ed



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Kerry Finnegan, Broadcasting, Multimedia  
Matthew Fisher, Geography  
Joshua Flaherty, IDW Journalism  
James Fletcher, Geography, GIS  
Lori Fogle, Speech Communications  
Jason Foland, Ag Business



# Sweet Student Connection

## Northwest smoothie technician makes time to form relationships, 'adopting' students as her grandchildren

Most people knew her as the lovable lady at Sweet's 'N Treats' in the J.W. Jones Student Union. She remembered her rapping appearances in the 1999 Homecoming Variety Show. Others spotted her singing appearances at fraternity parties.

Cathy Wright, a 63-year-old smoothie technician, was born in California and moved to Maryville at the age of 2. While she never worked prior to Northwest, flexible hours gave her a chance to work with students and helped her get to her job.

"It's just like the kids," Wright said. "I just sort of adopted them and tried to get their grandmas away from me. I think I can remember when I was young. No one really understood what was going on."

Wright genuinely cared about the students and tried to make them feel welcome by learning their names.

Besides offering hugs and comic

relief during the week, Wright enjoyed having fun with students outside the Union. Sometimes this meant visits to house parties.

"I never drink," Wright said. "I go in for 15 or 20 minutes and make an appearance and then I can't stand the music anymore and leave. I surprised the heck out of 'em when I showed up."

While some students did not always feel comfortable interacting with Wright on a social level, most found her random appearances refreshing and fun. Even after their graduations she attended student events.

"There's always a few that are a little reserved, but they still invite me to their weddings," Wright said. "If they're in driving distance, I try to make it."

Attending student events was commonplace for Wright; rarely was she placed in the spotlight. Students

had the chance to support her and her musical talents during a rap performance at the '99 Variety Show.

"Oh, they hollered and hollered, and hollered, 'Cathy!, Cathy!, Cathy!,'" Wright said. "It was scary. I'm a better heckler than I am in front of people."

Heckling students was a favorite pastime for Wright, but rarely did any cause her real trouble.

"There's only been one or two that have been so obnoxious that I just wanted to pick them up by their ankles and smack 'em on the ground, but I didn't," Wright said.

In her experiences, Wright enjoyed her time working with Northwest students. She wished them the best in whatever they were doing.

"[The students] are just a great group of people," Wright said. "I love them all. I wish they could all win whatever they're going for."



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Adrienne Gevens, Marketing/Management  
Joseph Girdner, Computer Science Systems  
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Shannon Gould, Broadcasting  
Katy Graber, Public Relations  
Scott Graf, Broadcasting

Jason Grandstaff, Business Management  
Loren Gray, MIS  
Jason Greer, Middle School Ed  
Leslie Grimm, Child and Family Studies  
Amber Gross, Merch Of Textiles  
Bryan Grow, Secondary Social Science Ed  
Jamie Haisiak, Agriculture Ed

Monica Haines, Ag Business  
Heather Hainline, Broadcasting  
Sarah Halsey, Elementary Ed  
Jennifer Halverson, Accounting/Finance  
Laura Hampton, Corp Wellness  
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Brooke Hansen, Business Management

# Mission to Promote Diversity

by Brandon Smith

He still had a military haircut, pliers in his belt and a "bulletproof" tactical watchband. Receiving a Johnny Eagle M-14 and a Green Beret at the age of 4, he was on his way to playing a role in protecting his country.

Dr. Mark Corson, assistant professor of geosciences, had been actively involved in the military for over 18 years. He was born in Washington D.C., but called San Francisco home. Corson started his career in the military at an early age. As a member of his junior Reserve Officers Training Corps program, he was given a scholarship to the University of San Francisco.

After graduating in 1983, Corson became a commissioned officer of the Army. He traveled around the world, most recently to Kosovo.

Jumping at the chance to put his military and civic skills to the test, Corson accepted the duty of trainer to Regional Task Group 6 of the Kosovo Protection Corps for Operation Joint Guardian.

"I was really excited to go because it would be my first 'real' mission," Corson said.

While one of the objectives was to teach the former guerillas of the Kosovar Liberation Army to be more organized and disciplined, Corson had a personal mission as well. Before leaving, his family said he must do something for the children of Kosovo.

"It was sad to see the children playing soccer in dirt fields littered with trash and potentially unexploded grenades and mines," Corson said.

The construction of a full-sized soccer field replaced the hazardous playground. The site

of construction used to be an enormous garbage dump.

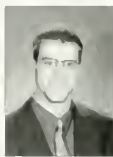
"This soccer field was one of two in the country and I helped build it," Corson said.

After being overseas, Corson realized the importance of diversity. He said it was important Americans understand diversity was necessary to living a successful life.

"Diversity makes us stronger as a nation and it is imperative that we embrace it," Corson said. "Seeing the outcome and aftermath of the bloodshed and violence in Kosovo has made me really passionate about this."

Corson was grounded in Maryville and did everything in his power to educate and open the eyes and minds of students he instructed. Encountering violent situations in Kosovo, Corson brought back insight on another world.

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Jennifer Hayes, Spanish  
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Michael Head, Computer Management Systems



Thomas Head, Agronomy  
Benjamin Heavilin, Physics  
Mark Heater, Accounting  
Abigail Heath, Elementary Education  
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Chris Heier, Graphic Design  
Christine Helling, Marketing Management



Andrea Hendrix, Org. Communications  
Debra Hengeler, Child and Family Studies  
Jill Henry, Elementary Ed.  
Joshua Henry, Social Science Secondary Ed.  
Susan Hewer, Business Administration  
Heidi Hester, Middle School Ed.  
Toby Highfill, Finance



April House, Computer Science  
Rachel House, Corporate Rec.  
Courtney Housh, Business Management  
David Hudson, Speech Communications  
Victoria Huff, Broadcasting  
Brandi Hughes, Finance  
Kathy Hundley, Corporate Wellness



Todd Huntley, IDN  
Jonathan Hyde, English/Spanish  
Stephanie Hyton, Therapeutic Rec.  
Katie Jacobs, Agriculture Ed.  
Traci Jermain, Accounting  
Brian Jewell, International Business  
Keri Jewell, Zoology







"One of the things I try to drill into my students' heads is that the mere tolerance of diversity isn't everything." portrait by Amanda Byler



Andrea Johnson, Biology  
 Brian Johnson, Ag Business  
 Darin Johnson, Ag Science  
 Jenna Johnson, Biology/Psychology  
 Melissa Johnson, Early Childhood Ed  
 Sarah Johnson, English  
 Jennifer Jose, Elementary Ed

Joshua Juengel, Recreation  
 Scott Kamrath, Marketing/Bus. Management  
 Tyler Kapp, Ag Science  
 Aubrey Karns, English  
 Wendy Kay, Marketing/Broadcasting  
 Catherine Keim, Bio Cellular/Molecular  
 Brandi Kemper, Accounting/Finance

Bryce Kemper, Business Ed  
 Matthew Kennedy, Public Relations  
 Todd Kenney, Accounting  
 Kelly Kettinger, Biology/Psychology  
 Brianne Kiger, Social Science/Science Ed  
 Hideo Kikuchi, International Business  
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 Travis Knapp, Chemistry  
 Shannon Knierim, Biology/Psychology  
 Nicholas Koeteman, Merchandising  
 Laura Kozel, Accounting

by Kat Vorkink

## Non-traditional Road to College Education

In the quest to complete her education, one student says college was worth the wait

College was a cultural experience. For four years, students lived in a homogeneous society, surrounded mostly by people of similar ages, intelligence levels and economic status.

Encouraged by her husband, Jennifer Perry entered this culture as a nontraditional student. Born and raised in Maryville, Perry said college was something that she had considered throughout high school, but after graduation she didn't know if she could handle college without the support of her parents.

"If I would have come to college right after high school, I would have never made it," Perry said. "I'm glad I waited."

Even though Perry's formal education came to a halt, the rest of her life did not. As she progressed through life, getting married, having children and getting divorced, the idea of college seemed to move further away.

Thoughts of continuing her education resurfaced after Perry got remarried. With her children in elementary school and less

dependent on her, she began to think about taking classes. Last year, for Perry's birthday she said she wanted nothing more than to go to college. With her husband's support, her birthday wish came true.

"I was talking about it and finally my husband said to either do it or stop talking about it," Perry said.

After completing one semester of college, Perry enjoyed her new life. She felt comfortable among the other students, despite her age difference.

"I get treated just like any other student," Perry said. "I don't feel that I get any special treatment."

Perry had recently decided to major in special education. She said that higher education was an opportunity to take advantage of.

"If you want to do it, don't wait," Perry said. "Do it."

Entering a new stage of life as a nontraditional student, Perry proved that learning did not have to cease. With the support of her husband and family, she overcame the odds to complete her education.

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Jamasa Kramer, English

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Aimee Lambert, Medical Technology

Richard Lamoureux, Park Rec Management

Lori Lanham, Finance

Michael Larsen, Computer Science

Benedicte Lebehot, General Studies

Kathleen Lechner, Bus. Management

Dustin Lee, Spanish

Eun-Ju Lee, Computer Management Systems

Siew Mei Lee, MIS

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Nathan Leopold, Public Relations

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Wayne Long, Animal Science

Cedrick Loutvoet, Business Administration

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Kristen Lundgren, Public Relations

Philip Maher, Computer Science

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Jesse Mann, Geography



"I get treated just like any other student," Jennifer Perry said.  
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 Nathan Marticke, Marketing

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 Stacey McNell, Psychology  
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 Nicole Menefee, Child and Family Studies  
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# Harmony of Different Talents

Feeling the stirring of a passion for music at an early age, Wanda Medlock always felt comfortable in front of an audience.

During a "grown up" party her parents were hosting, she burst into the room, jumped onto a table, and gave her very first performance. Even at 4, she reveled in the attention she received from her spectators.

"The feeling it gave me, and the connection with the audience, was the best feeling in the world for me," Medlock said.

People were naturally drawn to Medlock's long blonde hair and perpetual smile. However, Medlock delighted in giving back the attention.

"Every person has a story, which makes it even more important to meet different people," Medlock said.

Performing with others allowed Medlock the opportunity to meet new people and share her love for music. While Medlock enjoyed composing and singing on her own, performing with a band gave her the same thrill she used to experience when she was younger.

"When we started playing, the crowd went crazy, there were even a few girls crying," Medlock said. "It was the best feeling in the world."

Medlock performed with Welkin Blue for two years before breaking up in August 2001 after

members went their separate ways. Prior to the split, the group played at various gigs in Kansas City. Figuring out future plans led Medlock to Northwest and the Department of Mass Communications.

Majoring in public relations and broadcasting, Medlock remained interested in a career in music. Trying not to set unrealistic goals, Medlock realized her limitations and maintained a positive attitude.

"All I can do is write the music, get the equipment, get my foot in the door and do my best," Medlock said.

An attitude that was nothing but positive about the world around

her, Medlock took everything in stride.

"I don't have big expectations of life, because being here and seeing everything the world has to offer, just being able to experience living, is good enough for me," Medlock said.

With a positive attitude and an open mind, Medlock overcame the obstacles she faced. Life was experienced to its fullest as Medlock sat in the Olive Deluce Fine Arts Building practice room singing a song she wrote and playing her guitar. Someone walked by, peeked his head into the door, and smiled. Medlock never noticed, she kept on singing.

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Kristen Mitchell, Agricultural Ed.

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John Ohlberg, Agronomy/Geography  
Kerri Oliver, Office Information Systems  
Samantha Olson, Comp. Psych. Sociology



# Wanda Medlock



An interest in fashion was another hobby of Wanda Medlock's. "It's the same expression that I would have in art, writing or music," Medlock says. *Portrait by Amanda B...*

# Words of Wisdom Assist Learning

Acting as the class comedian and being sent to the office everyday was depicted as the "cool thing" in elementary, junior high and high school. A redheaded Brant Miller reflected this image, he made jokes, clowned around and ended up missing a lot of classes.

"Yeah, I was the cool kid, the class clown," Miller said. "But getting kicked out of English class every day kind of hurts your reading skills."

Entering his senior year in high school, Miller had the reading level of a third grade student. Preparing for college was not on his mind, he was still trying to maintain his social status.

"I was too busy trying to keep my reputation as the crazy kid, but having that reputation came with a cost," Miller said. "No one ever really knew that I had a reading problem because I never read in front of the class. For some reason I didn't have to worry about the teacher calling on me."

Without anyone drawing attention to this learning problem, Miller struggled with the work. Frustration followed as he tried to complete class work that was due.

"The only thing that hurt me was that everything I ever had to read was always like a foreign language, and it usually took me three times as long to finish reading how to do an assignment than everyone else," Miller said. "That sucked."

Miller still managed to earn decent grades throughout high school and qualified for a free college class at local community college.

However, it wasn't until one of Miller's friends got into journalism and started his first year of college that Miller started really thinking about furthering his education and improving his reading skills.

"I can't remember for sure if it came to a specific point like trying to chat on-line or through e-mail that finally drove my friend to start pressuring me about college. He said that I would get better at reading if I actually did read sometime," Miller said.

Actively working on improving his reading skills, he read articles from the newspaper to gain experience. After preparing, Miller decided to take the ACT, hoping to be accepted into college.

"The ACT was really tough for me because it was one of those timed tests and even

though I could read a little better, I still had some trouble," Miller said.

After turning in his application, Miller was accepted at Northwest on academic probation because of his ACT score. After one semester he made good enough grades to be removed from probation. Miller said he felt he was never singled out because of his lack of reading ability.

"No one here besides my roommate, knows about my reading problem," Miller said. "So nobody really treats me any different or looks down on me because I can't read as good as most people. It hasn't been easy, I still have some trouble reading sometimes but it has definitely gotten better."

Miller continued to read as much as he could, constantly striving to improve his skills. He encouraged anyone in the same situation to not give up on learning.

"The one piece of advice I could give someone that can't read very well would be to keep practicing, go out and get a book or read the newspaper every day," Miller said. "Even though it might be hard and frustrating, keep with it. Before you know it, it will get easier."

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Adam Oswald: Ag Business

Amber Oswald: Business Management

Nicholas Oswald: Ag Business

Melissa Ough: Theater-Technical

Rebecca Palmer: Biology

Karla Parman: Child and Family Studies

Mark Partise: Marketing

Laura Pearl: Journalism

Caleb Pearson: Psychology

Catrina Pelton: Secondary Middle School Ed

Kevin Pemberton: Environ. Geo. Geography

Heather Pence: Public Relations

Julie Pole: Elementary Ed

Nate Polley: Agricultural Science

Breanne Poston: Elementary Ed

Amber Potts: Advertising

Roxann Powell: Psychology

Shelley Pruitt: Speech Communications

Rebecca Pugh: Elementary Ed

Michelle Rasa: Business Management

Beth Rasmussen: Elementary Ed

Robin Rasce: Psychology

Kelly Rath: Spanish Speech Communications

Kelli Rathiff: Physical Education

Kimberly Reese: Parks and Rec Management

Jacob Reiser: Elementary Ed

Kelly Relph: Broadcasting





# Brant Miller



Struggles with reading began early for Brant Miller. "No one ever really knew that I had a reading problem because I never read in front of the class," Miller said, portrait by Amanda Eider.



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**Charity Richardson,** Biology/Psychology  
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**Jameson Rinehart,** Broadcasting/Pub. Relations  
**Michelle Roberts,** Geography

**Jill Robinson,** Journalism  
**Kimberly Robinson,** Broadcasting  
**Kara Rollins,** Elementary Ed  
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# Adjustment to Life in America by Leah St. Clair

to an entirely new culture with excitement and fear. Bayo Oludaja stepped off the plane from Nigeria, Africa armed only with the goal of practicing his religion and getting an education.

Oludaja chose to come to the United States for many reasons. While growing up in Nigeria, he became a Christian and began to listen to a radio station that played a religious program from Carstream, Ill.

"I listened to it regularly between 8 and 8:30 on Sunday mornings," Oludaja said. "So that was how I first heard of Wheaton, Ill."

Employed by the Nigerian government, Oludaja was influenced by a good friend who was applying for college in the United States. After watching his friend go through the process, Oludaja decided to apply as well.

"It was thought since we were good friends, if he was actually going to Wheaton College, I thought, 'Hey, I could go there to and we could just continue to support and encourage each other,'" Oludaja said.

Encountering obstacles as soon as he stepped off the plane, Oludaja began to question his decision to pursue his education.

"I remember the first time I came to America, I landed off the plane in New York," Oludaja said. "I was carrying my briefcase and I was looking at everything America had to offer. The next thing I notice, my briefcase was stolen. I wondered if I even wanted to stay in this country."

Determined to continue, Oludaja welcomed the new experiences with the realization that there were more to come.

While at college, Oludaja had some difficulty adjusting to American culture. He decided to sign up for the football team, anticipating a game similar to what Americans would call soccer.

"I was glad to find out the college had football," Oludaja said. "In my homeland, football meant soccer. So I wanted to sign up for the team. When I went onto the practice field and noticed all these American football players, I knew I was in the wrong

place. I knew I didn't want to go out for football anymore."

In addition to adapting to the social differences in America, Oludaja found he had some academic difficulties as well. Studying communication and broadcasting, Oludaja found it difficult to distinguish differences between the standard English he was taught in Nigeria and commonly used terminology.

"Of course, when it got to day-to-day expressions and then the ideological expressions that have their own nuances imbedded in the culture, I had difficulties with those when I was first here," Oludaja said.

After surpassing the language barrier and adjusting to American culture, Oludaja was well prepared to succeed academically. Oludaja earned his master's degree and doctorate before accepting a teaching position at Northwest.

Teaching Intercultural Communication, Oludaja passed his experiences on to his students. His various stories gave them a different perspective.

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Josh Simmons, Business  
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# Bayo Oludaja



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# Secrets Growing Within

Feelings of fear and panic swelled inside her. For nine months Colby Cantrell lied to friends and family, desperately attempting to avoid the inevitable.

On February 14, 2000, several friends took Cantrell to the hospital. Severely dehydrated from several days of flu-like symptoms, the doctors confirmed her worst fear; she was pregnant. From that moment until the day her baby was born, Cantrell kept her pregnancy a secret.

"I was scared and I was in denial," Cantrell said. "My theory was if I didn't tell anyone I'd never have him."

Keeping her secret was an incredible emotional burden. Cantrell felt completely alone as she continued to hide the truth from those close to her.

"I became really quiet, I wouldn't talk to anybody, I wouldn't socialize," Cantrell said. "It made me kind of on edge, I was so scared people would figure it out."

As the days and months flew by and her due date drew closer, Cantrell's apprehension began to tear her apart. She ran through scenarios of the baby's birth in her head, wondering whether she would call her parents or go through labor alone.

Cantrell went into labor the evening of October 17. She suffered through the night, awaking the next morning with severe labor pains.

"All it was, was pain," Cantrell said. "I just curled up in a ball; all I could do was curl up in a ball."

Still in denial, Cantrell tried to attend her classes the next morning. Struggling to make the walk from her room in Franken Hall, she finally stopped in exhaustion at Student Support Services. Trying to catch her breath through the waves of pain, Cantrell finally disclosed her secret. She told one of the employees that she was pregnant and in labor.

Student Support Services contacted her mother before she went to the hospital.

"I could hear my mom's voice when we called her on the phone. She was screaming hysterically," Cantrell said. "All I could think was, they're going to hate me, they're going to disown me. I'm the worst child ever."

Finally gaining the courage to talk to her parents, they traveled to Maryville as soon as possible. After making the one-hour drive from Kansas City, Cantrell's parents arrived just before she gave birth.

"I have seen my father cry twice," Cantrell said. "This was one of those two times."

Cantrell was faced with a tremendous decision after giving birth on October 18. With her parent's offering support no matter what her decision, Cantrell only had a few days to decide whether to keep her son or give him up for adoption.

For Cantrell, the decision was hers alone; she wanted her son to have a better life than she could give him. She decided giving him up for adoption was a way to do that. After contacting an adoption

agency, she was given several profiles of prospective families to choose from.

Cantrell selected a family that she felt would give her son a good life. She met with the adoptive families before giving up her parental rights in court.

"I knew I was doing the right thing," Cantrell said. "I knew he would be okay, that someone would take care of him and that someone would love him."

After relinquishing her parental rights, Cantrell went back the hospital to say good-bye. Accompanied by her parents, she went into the nursery and held him for the last time.

"At first I was fine, until I sat in the rocking chair and my dad gave him to me," Cantrell said, with tears welling in her eyes. "I more or less broke down to the point where I could barely stand to look at him. When I looked at him, he looked almost exactly like me, so it hurt."

Under the conditions of the open adoption, Cantrell received pictures of her son she proudly posted around her room in South Complex.

She wrote him cards and letters that his adopted family would give him when he turned 18.

Although Cantrell struggled at times, she remained confident that her decision was the right one for her and for her baby.

"I can see that he's happy and that he is loved," Cantrell said. "And that is all I really wanted for him."

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After giving birth to her son, Colby Cantrell deliberated over whether to raise him or give her baby up for adoption. "When I left the hospital I didn't hold him, I just looked at him. All I could say was 'I love you and I'm sorry,'" Cantrell said. *portrait by Taylor Tholen*



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# NORTHWEST

## Track & Field

"The Olympics are the international symbol of peace. Getting to be a part of that is something I will remember all of my life," Matt Abele said. *portrait by Amanda Byler*

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by Mandy Lauck

## Carrying a Symbol of International Pride

Streets were lined with patriots cheering as the Olympic torch passed each spectator. A feeling of adrenaline raced up and down his body like hot oil in an engine. He felt unstoppable, like he could go on forever.

Matt Abele, a physical education health graduate, was nominated to run the Olympic torch through Kansas City a year ago by older sister, Jessica Todd. When he found out he was picked to carry the torch, he said he felt proud.

"I was very thankful that I was asked to run the torch," Abele said. "I think it was a really neat experience for me. I thanked my

sister afterward for nominating me."

Although it was a huge honor, Abele kept his joyous news to himself. He told his friends as the day neared, but besides that, he never really mentioned the news.

"When it came closer to the time I had to run, I was worried I wasn't going to last the entire time," Abele said. "I didn't know at the time how long the run was. I thought it might be like 10 miles. So I was a little worried because I wasn't in the best shape."

The day of the run, Abele had many supporters present. All of his family and his girlfriend were there to watch. Abele had two other

runners progress with him through Kansas City.

"A marine and a business man ran with me," Abele said. "The run wasn't very long, it was only like three-fourths of a mile and the torch wasn't heavy either."

Although it only lasted a few minutes, the memories of carrying the torch would run through Abele's mind forever.

"As an American and a person who is involved in track and field, the meaning of the torch run greatly increased," Abele said. "From now on, every time I see the Olympics, I will remember the day I carried the Olympic torch and be proud of that."



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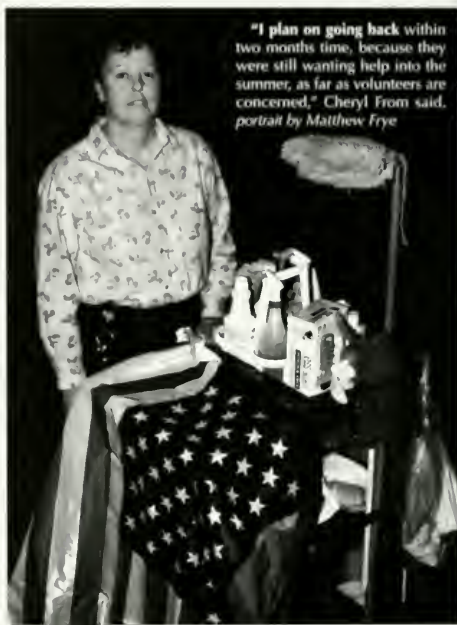
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"I plan on going back within two months time, because they were still wanting help into the summer, as far as volunteers are concerned," Cheryl From said. portrait by Matthew Frye



by Marlisha Carillo

# National Contributions by Local Woman During Tragic Times

Broken remnants of innocent times lay entombed in a garbage grave, tainted in the dusty aftermath of a tragedy. The reality spoke to countless volunteers and workers sifting through the landfill.

For one month, Cheryl From was witness to this shocking ordeal. Custodian at the Mary Linn Performing Arts Center, From said her trip to New York was full of experiences she never had in Maryville.

"It was a great learning experience for me to find out how to commute in the big city by subway and ferry," From said.

Volunteering for 12-hour shifts in a kitchen, From fed workers who sifted through a landfill of debris from the World Trade Center.

From knew the week of the attack that she wanted to help out. The sheer amount of debris did not become reality for her until she saw it with her own eyes.

"I really couldn't visualize how horrible that scene was until I saw at the landfill all those fire trucks smashed," From said.

Workers examined the 175-acre fenced off area full of evidence under the high security crime scene. Barges and trucks traveled

two hours to the landfill so that every piece, including personal belongings, billfolds, and guns, could be inspected and sorted.

To begin the volunteering process, From had to attend training classes with the Maryville Red Cross. She was instructed on first aid and CPR. These classes, and her experiences in New York, left her wanting more chances to give back to the community.

"I just felt like I wanted to do something to help out," From said.

From planned to return to New York around March to volunteer again. She explained that even into the summer the need for volunteer

support would still exist. The reaction of workers and onlookers prompted her desire to return.

"This one lady, she'd be there upon entering the landfill," From said. "Every day she'd have signs saying 'Thank you for all your support.'"

Despite the horror that had occurred more than a month before, From said she was overwhelmed by the positive attitudes she encountered. According to From the city was filled with a helpful atmosphere, inspiring volunteers through offerings of thanks and appreciation.



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# Daniel Comes

"My family has told me to stick with it. It's been tough but there's always people there - more than I ever imagined," Daniel Comes said. *Portrait by Amanda Byler*



Angela Davis  
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by Jill Robinson

# From Tragedy to Triumph

ashbacks still haunt him. Behind friendly eyes allowing even the shy to hold eye contact; a dark memory squirmed itself to the surface, reminding him of the day his world ended.

quiet and hardworking. Daniel Comes was a Mid-American farm boy. A native of Atlantic, Ia., his small-town roots lead this sophomore to major in agricultural business. He was talked of going into merchandising or commodities, internships and a class with his brother Drew.

He was quick to smile, grinning about his life experiences such as movies, weekly Friday night episodes of "Friends" and his friend, Jessica, who lived in Phillips Hall a few floors away. Unassuming, Comes was talked about the other students who were aware of the incredible barrier he had come.

There was no hesitation when Comes was asked if he remembered what happened. The did not falter. His body barely shifted. "I remember everything," Comes said. "It Aug. 18, one week before we came back school. It was an ordinary day."

Nothing hinted at the events that would follow. There was not a strange feeling in the air or an uncomfortable heat wave. The day ended out like any other with another list of chores to finish with his older brother, Drew. The rest of the family was out of town. While fixing a silage wagon around 4 p.m., Comes went to oil the chains while the PTO shaft, connecting the tractor to the wagon, was still running. It was something that he had done countless times before, except at that moment, the chains caught his glove and pulled his arm into the PTO ring machine.

He called 911 and the ambulance quickly arrived. Comes said it was tough to describe the pain in his left arm. Chaos unfolded as firefighters, paramedics and people gathered

to take the wagon apart, desperately trying to free him.

"It was up on the hill by our silos, and I remember looking across at the cars pulled over just watching everything," Comes said. "They were giving me morphine for the pain, but it didn't seem like it helped much. Justin Walters was there helping and I told him, 'Don't let them take my arm, Justin.'"

They amputated right there in the midst of dusty cattle lots and towering silos. Comes was life-flighted to St. Joseph Hospital in Omaha, where he stayed for 13 days. With his family gathered in the hospital room, all Comes could really remember was the intense thirst.

"When they took the tube out of my throat they wouldn't actually give me water, they just used this swab thing," Comes said. "That just didn't help and they kept doing it."

The 20-year-old laughed at his comment. His subtle sense of humor filled in moments of silence while he told the story. Finally quenching his thirst, nurses moved Comes out of intensive care. It was then that reality struck.

"They put me in a wheelchair, and I think it was right about then that I realized that they had amputated my arm," Comes said. "I knew before it was something that could have been, but I didn't want to look. When they took me up to the room I puked on that nurse. It was a guy though so I didn't feel so bad."

Sleepless nights began once the reality of losing his arm between his shoulder and elbow sunk in. Despite the physical pain, one of the most difficult moments for Comes came a week later when he should have been moving into his room in Phillips Hall.

Comes's occupational therapist advised him not to return to school until the spring because he wouldn't be able to handle the emotional and physical adjustment. Comes proved everyone wrong; only three weeks

later he returned to the familiar surroundings of Northwest.

"She told me I shouldn't come back and that made me pretty mad," Comes said. "I should send her my report card to let her know I made it. Coming back to school was the best thing."

Simple tasks taken for granted had to be relearned. On campus, returning to a normal routine was a challenge.

"People still look and I don't blame them. I would have done it too," Comes said. "It's tough and sometimes I wonder what it would be like if this never happened."

During the fall trimester, Comes visited St. Francis Hospital three times a week. He was now waiting for the completion of his prosthetic arm, which would allow him to raise and lower his arm and open and close his hand.

An incredible determination to succeed awed his peers. Inspired and encouraged by a support system of family and friends, Comes overcame the unthinkable and returned a mere three weeks after his accident.

"My family has been great; Jessica has been great," Comes said. "When I was in the hospital I saw people that I didn't even know. I have a lot of support."

Returning to the chaos of everyday life as a student, Comes said that his family still had him work on the farm when he went home. He refused to go near machinery, but said he enjoyed doing cattle work.

Comes was a not a normal student, not because of an accident that no one could have foreseen, but because of his positive attitude and stubborn drive to beat the odds. While students were worrying about what to pack for school, Daniel Comes was planning his return-three weeks after losing his arm. Responding to those who were awed by his accomplishment, he shrugged his shoulders and looked down, slightly embarrassed. One wondered if he even knew the magnitude of what he had overcome.



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# Religion Fused with Magic

Crackling in the quiet night, the oranges and reds from the fire cast shadows upon the faces of those gathered in prayer.

On All-Hallows Eve, Bethany Bottaro congregated with other Wiccans to celebrate the coming of a new season in the utter darkness of the forest.

A pagan religion originating in the 1890s, Wiccans believed in the worship of many gods and goddesses. Wicca was also associated with a respect of nature and the power flowing through all living things.

"I feel that paganism is a very nature-based religion," Bottaro said. "Becoming one with nature is important to me because I've always been happy within nature."

Appreciation of nature and the inclusion of female deities were what attracted Bottaro to the religion.

"I like being able to pray to a goddess and a god," Bottaro said. "I don't think everything is just masculine."

One of the most unique aspects of Wicca was the specialization of each god or goddess. Bottaro, who had practiced the faith for over a year, said prayers were directed at different gods depending on their nature.

Each god was also depended upon to help with specific spells. Magic was an important part of the religion according to Bottaro. Bottaro had done protection spells and charged items with power.

"When you charge an item, you imagine yourself putting your power into it," Bottaro said.

Magic was one of the main reasons people feared practicing Wiccans. Bottaro had

experienced the fear of many students who were ignorant about her religion.

"When I moved into the dorm this fall my roommate was a Christian and when I told her I was pagan she decided that I was a devil worshiper," Bottaro said. "People on the hall were calling me a Satan worshiper and asking me if I was going to go worship the devil and I don't even believe in the devil."

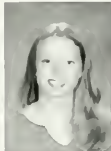
Despite facing taunts from those who did not understand her faith, Bottaro remained positive that the religion was right for her. Bottaro encouraged others to be open to other religions, so that they could find where they belonged. She felt that finding the right faith gave her a sense of freedom.

"I'm much happier now," Bottaro said. "I feel free with what I practice."

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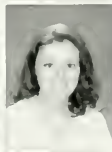
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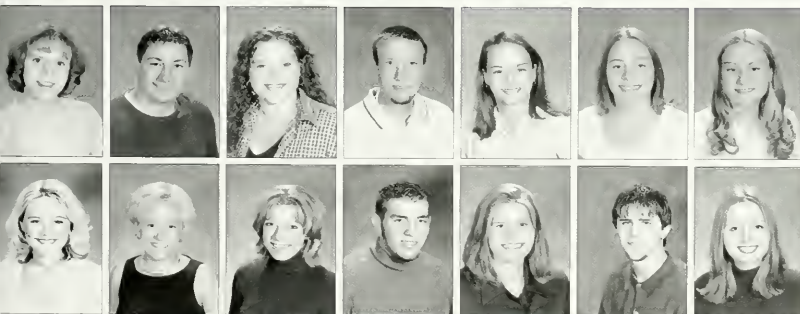






"I think there is a little bit of magic in everything. I think we're all capable of music," Bethany Bottaro said, portrait by Amanda Syler

Bethany Bottaro



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Lindsey Frerking  
Derek Fricke  
Lacy Friedrich  
Matthew Frye  
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# Writing Her Way into National Recognition

littered with style and perfect poise, each word out of her mouth expressed the hopes and emotions that filled every hour of every day.

Catie Rosemurgy, assistant professor of English, was the first speaker in the Visiting Writers Series. On sabbatical for six months to promote her new book of poems "My Favorite Apocalypse," Rosemurgy traveled across the country expressing her views on the world.

"I try to write the best poems I can," Rosemurgy said. "My poems are the way I understand the world.

If people choose to participate in my poem's ideas, then that's great."

Although presenting her literature had become common, Rosemurgy said she hated standing in front of people and displaying her work to them.

"When I started writing in college, I got really, really nervous when I presented my writings," Rosemurgy said. "But I got used to it, because I realized that it was something I was going to be doing every week in class. But when I read poems out of my book during

the Writing Series, it felt like I was a freshman again. I did not want to mess up in front of all those familiar faces."

Native to Escanaba, Mich., Rosemurgy received her bachelor of arts degree from Macalester College in St. Paul, Minn., and her master's of fine arts from the University of Alabama. Rosemurgy came to Northwest in 1998 as an instructor and was the co-editor of "The Laurel Review," a Northwest publication that printed poetry, prose and fiction writing.

Some of her other poetry appeared in numerous publications such as "Ploughshares," "Verse," "Poetry

Northwest," "Indiana Review" and "The Best American Poetry." Rosemurgy was also one of six women that won the 2001 Rona Jaffe Foundation Writers' Award, which provided financial support for talented female authors.

Rosemurgy realized her talent after the success. Growing up, Rosemurgy thought her writing was something she did, rather than a gift.

"Writing has always been something that I have just done, like tying my shoe or riding my bike," Rosemurgy said. "I always knew writing was something I was going to do for my entire life."

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Intensely reading from her book "My Favorite Apocalypse," Catie Rosemurgy shares her work with students and faculty during the Visiting Writers Series. "My poems are the way I understand the world," Rosemurgy said. photo by Amanda Byler



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# In Honor of a Friend

A thumping heart pounded inside his chest. Adrenaline raced up and down his body. Within a few moments, his best friend would receive the highest honor in college football.

On Dec. 8, Jeff Bailey experienced a chance of a lifetime. He went to New York and watched his schoolmate and friend from Millard North High School in Omaha win the Heisman Trophy in Nebraska.

Cornhuskers' quarterback Eric Crouch invited Bailey to accompany him to the award ceremony at the New York Marriott Marquis in downtown New York.

Throughout the ceremony, media representatives were

snapping pictures and rolling cameras, all covering the momentous event.

Bailey said many different sports figures attended the black-tie affair. He saw past Heisman winners such as former running back Tony Dorsett who was celebrating his 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of winning the award. Bailey also met Johnny Rogers and Mike Rozier, former Heisman winners who played for Nebraska.

Bailey not only supported Crouch by attending the ceremony. In honor of Crouch's college career, Bailey's high school football coach commissioned Bailey to paint a mural of Crouch in their high school weight room.

"It was one of the biggest honors of my life. I was picked over many talented and professional artists," Bailey said. "I felt like it was equivalent, in my perspective, to winning the Heisman Trophy myself."

Overjoyed he could do something to pay tribute to Crouch, Bailey was also happy he could just be there to support his friend.

"I was just so happy to be there and see Eric win the Heisman Trophy," Bailey said. "I was very surprised he won because he was my hometown buddy. I knew he deserved it though. Hearing his name announced as the winner, and the emotion involved, was the best part of the trip."

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"I felt like it was equivalent, in perspective, to winning theisman Trophy myself." Jeff Bailey  
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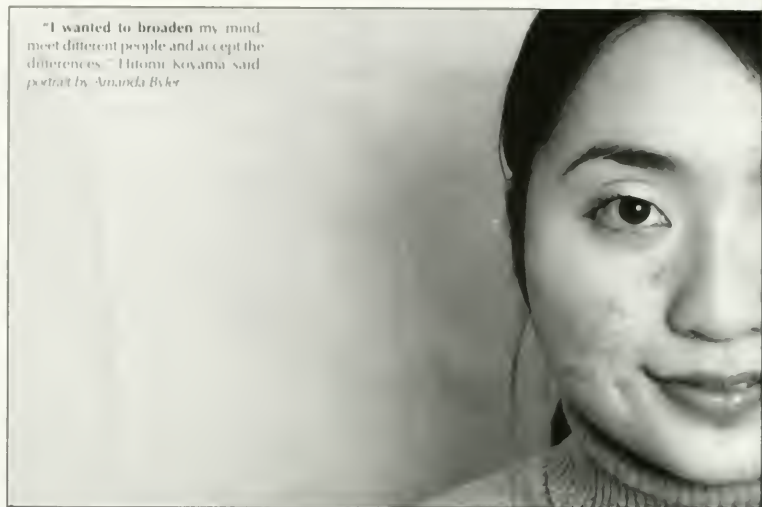
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# Across an Ocean of Courage

Far from the familiar skyline of her Japanese city and the comfortable home of her family, an ambitious young woman ventured to America to allow her future to blossom into petals of opportunities.

Before moving to the United States, Hitomi Koyama attended an English school in her native country of Japan. Thirsting for a deeper understanding of the English language, Koyama, like many students before her, traveled to the United States to get a college education.

"I wanted to broaden my mind, meet different people and accept the differences," Koyama said.

In some ways, the experience was different from what Koyama expected. Most of her free time was spent with other Japanese students. She felt that many American students, intimidated by the language barrier, shied away from international students.

"I don't think they think we enjoy hanging out with Americans," Koyama said.

But nothing was further from the truth. One reason Koyama chose Maryville was to identify with the American culture.

"Because of their culture, I want to know their way of thinking of others," Koyama said. "I think Americans are friendly, more friendly than the Japanese."

Not only did Koyama appreciate American culture; she also appreciated the hospitality of her professors at Northwest.

"The professors are so friendly," Koyama said.

Unlike in the United States, students in Japan were expected to do everything they could before asking the teacher a question. The more open classroom atmosphere was appealing to Koyama.

Adjusting to the cozy community of Maryville, Koyama felt right at home. Though the Japanese skyline was miles away, Koyama pushed forward continuing her education in America. She faced the challenges in front of her unafraid.

"You have to be confident," Koyama said, "don't be afraid to make mistakes."



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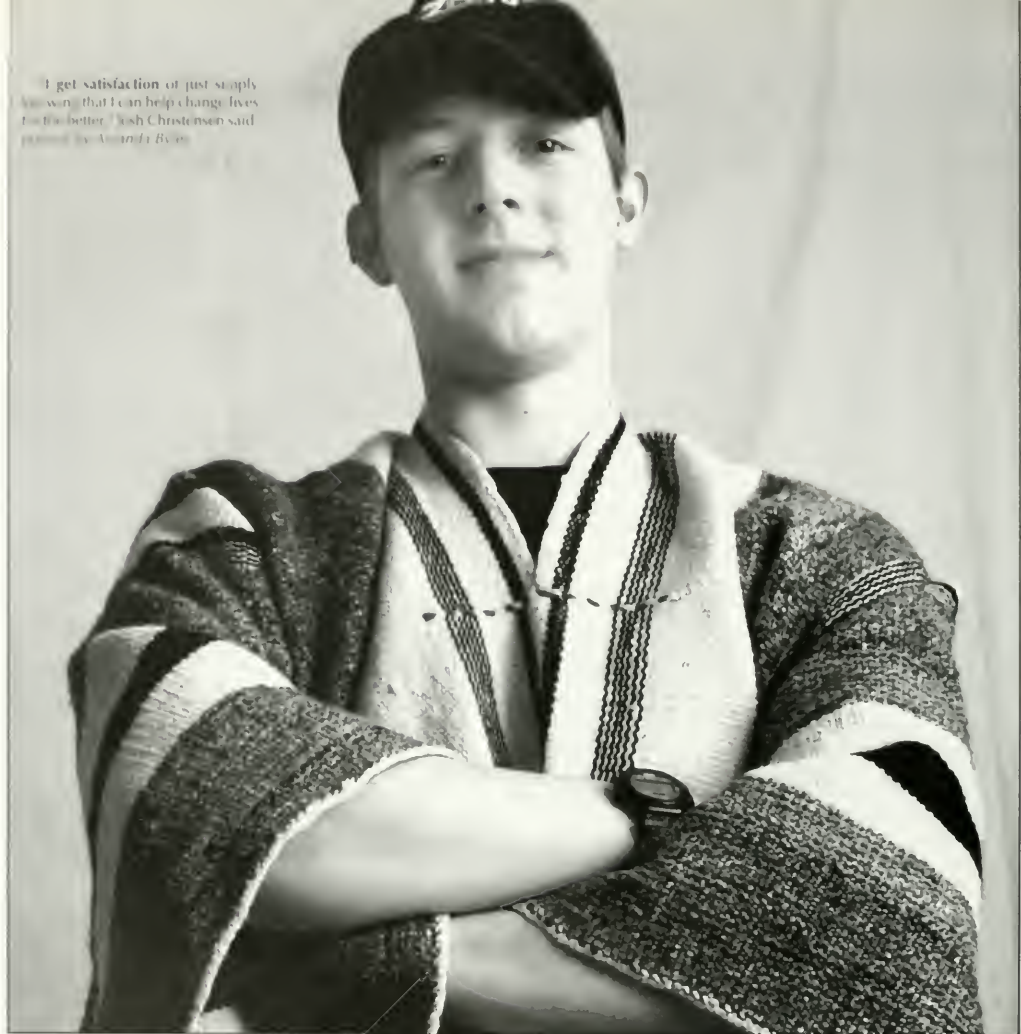
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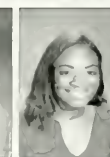
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I get satisfaction of just simply  
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# Josh Christensen

by Nate Marquiss

## Offering a Helping Hand Almost Half a World Away

sun rays scorched his back as he dug holes for posts, and after they were put up, 400 feet of electrical wire was inserted into the building that would soon become a place of worship.

For 10 days, Josh Christensen, a freshman computer science major, volunteered his time assisting the construction of a church in Chile. From the small town of Harlan, Iowa, Christensen enjoyed working with his church, 4-H and F.F.A groups to help others in need.

"My biggest project I have ever contributed to was when I traveled to Chacayes, Chile," Christensen said.

Christensen was one of 21 members in a missionary group who installed electrical wires from a generator to a small house and mounted lighting fixtures. Although it was hot and the work was strenuous, Christensen said that helping the people of Chacayes build a church was a good feeling.

"I get the satisfaction of just simply knowing that I help change lives for the better," Christensen said. "I also help those in need by taking my knowledge and teaching them a way to help better their life."

Although feeling good about helping someone was a benefit, there were other positive aspects to the trip. One being the Chacayes' food.

"I also enjoy contributing because of the food we received afterwards," Christensen said. "It was great. They cook a lot of vegetables, and for one night we got to try rabbit stew which was a little different."

Christensen said he volunteered because people have always been there for him at low points in his life, when he needed help. He felt like he was simply returning the favor.

"I just think that at times in everyone's life they can use a little help, whether that be physical or emotional," Christensen said. "It never matters as long as you are there for them. I just help out wherever I can."

Helping others was the goal of Christensen's trip to Chile. Even after the sunburns had healed, the memories of the trip remained as a testament to the work and assistance he provided.



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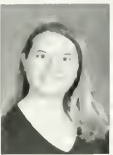
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"I got along with everyone. I didn't overlook anyone. That's all that mattered to me," Mindy Adams said. portrait by Amanda Byler

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# Mindy Adams

by Alexi Groumoutis

## Rebel with a Crown

Look back at a not-so-perfect record teaches growth through high school

perfect teeth stood in a row like a white picket fence, hazel eyes captured the attention of anyone who talked to her and sandy blonde hair rested lightly across her shoulders. Standing 5'8", this natural beauty was queen of her school, queen of the road," she was a rebel with a crown.

Unforgettable moments paraded through Mindy Adams's mind as she reflected back on her high school activities such as volleyball and being a Homemaker of America.

Equally important to this rebel was smoking, drinking and stealing. When Adams was crowned Iowa's 1999 Homecoming Queen, no one more surprised than her.

She thought it would be one of those goody goody "who'd win," Adams said. "I got along with everyone. I didn't overlook anyone. That's all that mattered to me."

It was that attitude that made her likeable among her peers, while at the same time instigating trouble at school and at home with her mother. Her intentions were to never hurt anyone, but her mother often felt the consequences of her behavior.

"I put my mother through hell," Adams said.

During one mischievous outing, Adams and some friends distracted a convenience store clerk by pretending to use the phone. They proceeded to steal his keys to the beer cooler. Adams escaped with a case of beer on her moped.

During her senior year, Adams's rebellious antics continued. Adams and the homecoming queen from the previous year were pulled over by the police and ticketed for driving under the influence. As a result of this incident, Adams was kicked off the softball team.

Inappropriate language resulted in suspension four times from physical education. She considered herself to be a leader, doing as she pleased, but found herself sniffing out trouble.

Though it had only been three years since she had graduated from high school, Adams had gained a sense of direction.

After she started a job working with children at "I Think I Can" Day Care Center in Creston, Iowa, she decided to pursue a degree in Child and Family studies at Northwest. Through her own experiences, she hoped to one-day help teen delinquents.

Learning from her mistakes, Adams never regretted her past. She had gone from rebel to royalty, but with a newfound focus, Adams hoped to use her studies at Northwest to help others through a similar mischievous streak.



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# For the Love of the Game

Six feet tall and a sturdy 250, this football player benched over 400 pounds. Although this was not uncommon for athletes, for a diabetic, these activities could be impossible.

Kevin Pitts had been a diabetic since he was 3 years old. Before he was diagnosed, he was thirsty all the time and had bladder problems. When he went to the doctor, his blood sugar was extremely high.

Since then, Pitts has administered insulin shots to himself everyday since the fourth grade. This medication included a long-lasting insulin shot twice a day and a quick acting shot after he ate.

Carefully watching his carbohydrate intake to know how much insulin to take, he balanced his activities, food consumption and medication.

"One of the biggest things about being diabetic is you have to balance it, otherwise you could have some serious problems," Pitts said.

As he was growing up, Pitts said people tried to stop him from being active in sports because of his medical condition.

"People try to make you not do sports if you are diabetic," Pitts said. "It is a slight inconvenience; but if you like sports, it is not worth it to sit out. My parents were very supportive and that helped a lot."

Playing football in high school, Pitts could control his blood sugar unless he played extended periods of time without a break. As a fullback for the Bearcats, Pitts said he did not realize when his glucose was low during practice.

"When you have diabetes, you can't really tell when your glucose is low," Pitts said. "Teammates would know if I am disoriented or not acting normal. They would take me to the trainers so I could have some juice or something to raise my sugar level."

During games, trainers would check Pitts's glucose level multiple times. When he would get

low, they would tell the coach to take him out of the game.

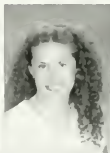
"Once the trainers took me out of the game, they would give me a sugar capsule to raise my level," Pitts said. "They would boost it up higher than normal so that while I am in the game, I would be even with everyone else."

Standing tall against the odds, Pitts continued playing a game he loved despite what others said. Although he had more responsibility taking care of his condition, Pitts knew he could do anything he wanted to do.

"I would like to talk to younger kids with diabetes and tell them they can do it too."

Beating the odds, Pitts was defying the restrictions that had been set on diabetics. Careful monitoring and a competitive edge allowed him to play in the game of football as well as life.

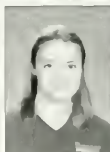
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To balance his activities, insulin and food consumption, Pitts had to watch his caloric intake and rely on his teammates to tell him if he needed medical attention. *portrait by Amanda Byler*

# Kevin Pitts



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Extreme differences in flight protocol faced Karen Finko when she returned from Australia. Finko said that people were more friendly on the return flight. *Portrait by Amanda Blythe*



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# Kristen Finke

by Lindsey Davis

## Miles Away, Tragedy Strikes

Helpless in a foreign country, one student witnesses her nation being attacked

One phone call altered her entire experience. She quickly turned on the television to see dark black smoke expanding everywhere as people tried to find their loved ones. She realized she could do nothing 10,000 miles away in Australia.

In January of her senior year, a foreign exchange program allowed Kristen Finke to leave her hometown of Fulton, Mo., to experience Australia for 10 months. During the trip, Finke met with 83 other foreign exchange students from around the world. But on Sept. 11, tragedy struck and Finke realized how far away she was from her family.

"When the World Trade Center attacks happened, the first thing I did was call my mom and dad," Finke said. "I think it was about 10 a.m. in central standard time that I called to see if they were all right."

The school in Geelong, Australia, allowed her to stay home that eventful day and she received many cards from her new friends she had met in Australia. Finke said Australians were very supportive of America.

Coming back from Australia, Finke noticed the immense change in society.

"As I was on the plane going back to the U.S., I realized how different everyone acted," Finke said. "When I was going to Australia, people weren't very friendly, but on the way back, people were asking where you were from and being really nice."

Another change Finke noticed was the difference in airport procedure.

"Going to Australia, I only had one check point per flight," Finke said. "But when I was in Los Angeles's airport coming back, you heard Christmas music playing and met these men with machine guns and six different checking points."

After her experience studying and living halfway around the world, Finke said it influenced the way she dealt with family and friends.

"After being away from my family when the terrorist attacks took place, I've learned to grow up more," Finke said.

Thousands of miles away, Finke felt the effects of the tragic event differently than most Americans. She experienced the waves created by the tragedy 10,000 miles away.



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"Not many people get to experience the ceremonies, the athletes or the entertainers and I get to experience all three," Andy Seeley said. *portrait from Northwest Missourian*



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by Mandy Lauck

# Work Opportunity Leads to Olympic-sized Dream

shuffling through papers and making phone calls, he knew the trip was just a few days away. Staying focused, he concentrated on the here and now. He sometimes could not believe that he was going to the 2002 Winter Olympic Games.

Mandy Seeley, sports information director, was formerly the sports information director of USA Roller Sport. During a convention in St. Louis, Mo., in 1999, Seeley met with a contact who was a part of USA Roller Sport and the Olympic Committee. He told Seeley he was having a hard time finding people to work press related events; Seeley said he would be glad to do it.

"When my friend called me, I said he was looking for people to press-related people to

handle the athletes as they made their way from the locker room to the competition," Seeley said. "I told him I was more than happy to oblige him if he had not already found someone."

Hired for the Olympics, Seeley was given two main responsibilities. His first job was Mixed Zone Supervisor, making sure athletes went from the locker rooms to the competition.

Seeley was also press steward for the opening and closing ceremonies. As press steward, he would ensure certain press prearranged rights to speak with the athletes before other media during the Olympics.

"I enjoy the fact that I will get to be a part of the opening and closing ceremonies," Seeley said. "Not many people

get to experience the ceremonies, the athletes or the entertainers and I get to experience all three."

Seeley knew three athletes who would be competing in speed skating. Previously, the athletes competed in rollerskating at USA Roller Sport before they made the switch.

"I like the fact that I get to see some of the people I knew during my days with Roller Sport," Seeley said. "I think it's pretty cool that I know some people at the games."

Pondering on all the things he was going to do, he realized how much this affected his life.

"I knew by accepting this job, it was one that I would always remember," Seeley said. "It will help me grow professionally and give me memories that I can share with people my entire life."



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"[Going on the trip] makes me want to pay attention more; that's why they are so smart," Ben Fielder said, portrait by Amanda Byler.



# Ben Fiedler

by Dan Sanders

## Packing a World of Memories on his Back

Traveling across the thick, wet grass, steep alpine Alps appeared in the southern distance. Tall and graceful, they seemed to hold magic. Every inch of Germany was hoped to be explored.

Ben Fiedler decided to spend his summer after high school graduation a little different than his peers. His needs for survival mounted on his back; his trek across the landscape gave him a new sense of freedom. He knew his life was about to change forever.

Backpacking across Europe was the highlight of Fiedler's 2001 summer. A teacher of Fiedler's, Mr. Beal, had gone to Europe every summer for many years. Last June he decided to take Fiedler, and a few other students, on a journey they would never forget.

Fiedler said they were in Europe a total of about three weeks. He had the opportunity to tour London, Paris and Switzerland. For the last two weeks of the trip, Fiedler said he and a friend spent most of their time in Germany staying with family.

"We would go backpacking for a while during the day, then at night we would sleep in a friend's house," Fiedler said. "I enjoyed touring St. Paul's

Cathedral and seeing the Union Underground Subway."

Europe was a new experience for Fiedler, but not exactly what he expected.

"I thought it would be so different over there but everything was mostly the same except for a few things," Fiedler said. "Their living styles are the same but the languages and a few laws are different than in America."

An aspect of Fiedler's backpacking trip that he had not anticipated was the German interest in American culture.

"When I was there, the people would come up to me and ask me why Americans were fat and why I had a darker skin tone than most of the other Americans," Fiedler said. "They seemed so intrigued by me as an American. It was a really different experience."

While Germans expressed interest in American society, Fiedler discovered differences between the two cultures.

In Germany, the age limit for drinking alcohol was 15, but the driving age was 18.

"My favorite times there were when I partied," Fiedler said. "The police would not

even bother by 11-year-olds walking around with beer just as long as they did not drink and drive."

Fiedler also attended school in Germany for a few weeks. High school classes were arranged much like American college classes.

"I was so astounded by the work ethic the students put into their classroom time," Fiedler said. "It makes me want to pay more attention to my teachers in the future. Now I know why they [Europeans] are so smart. They had so much respect for their teachers in Germany."

Being bilingual also would have helped he said. Overall, it was a once in a lifetime experience for Fiedler.

"If you have the money and time to ever go, then do it," Fiedler said. "You will love every minute of it. The people there treat you so kind. The languages are different and that was a struggle, but I am definitely going to go back whenever I get the money to do so."

Fiedler's experience in Germany allowed him to grow and expand his knowledge on a cultural level. He said he learned that differences were something that anyone can appreciate.



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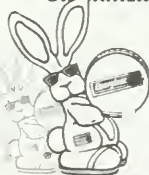
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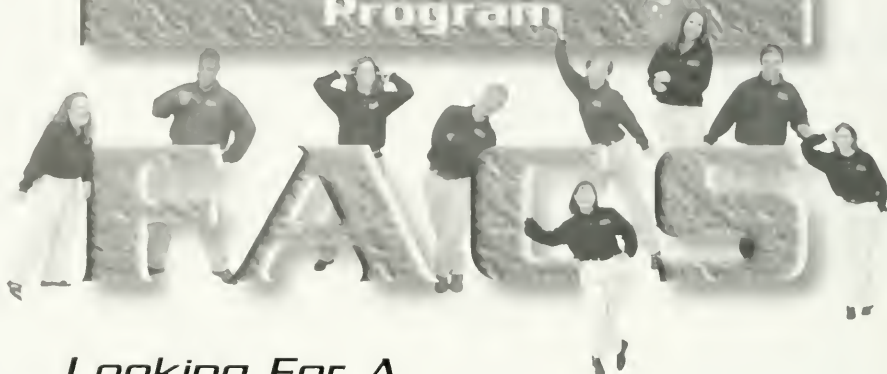


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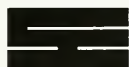
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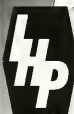
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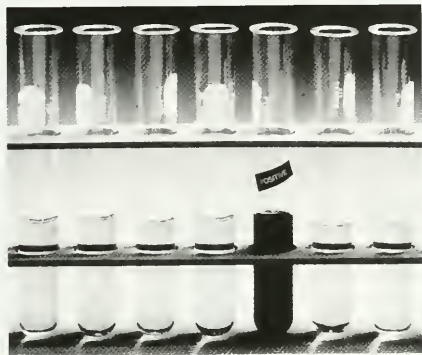
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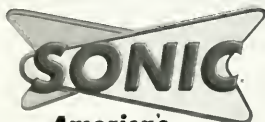
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## 2002 Tower Colophon

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# SURVIVOR

## YEARBOOK STYLE

### THIS TIME THE ISLAND IS A BASEMENT

Wow. We could have been our very own "Survivor" show by the time fourth deadline rolled around. All I can say is that those who weren't voted out by the tribe have nothing but my utmost respect for sticking with me. Between the 72-hour no-sleep sessions and my crazy outbursts of delirium and low points of frustrations, you guys were not only my editors you became my cherished friends...and psychiatrists.

This year's Tower was about overcoming challenges along the way. How fitting that our theme, Bottom Line, went along with most of the year. But our bottom line is that this book is ours, and I am extremely proud of the teamwork that went into it. I'm also proud of the 6 pounds of cheese we ate over second deadline, the Homer slippers Melissa gave me, New Orleans, Tom's pizza movie and how wonderfully we all meshed together. Yes, we are a different breed of people.

We did something different with this year's book. With only two division pages and a dust cover, creativity was one of our strengths. I will never forget the brainstorming session we had one weekend when I realized the commitment and talent that I would be working with. Everyone of you has inspired me in some way, and this group came together, not just as a team, but as friends. When we are spending over half our lives in a basement, that definitely makes things a lot easier.

These are my happy moments, thinking of the wonderful things I have learned from this experience and from all of you. Yes, there were times when I wondered what the hell I had gotten myself into (ok, many times) but the memories from all of you are what I will take away from this experience with smiles. This book was put together by people that worked incredibly hard with no sleep, money or time and never once complained.

Thank you all for sticking with me in my inexperience and knack for doing things wrong to keep us on our toes. It makes me sad that this is it. This book is a reflection of all of us and our hard work. I wish everyone nothing but the best in the future, thank you so much because I would have never been able to do it without all of you. Bottom line, we did it!





# THE PLAYERS



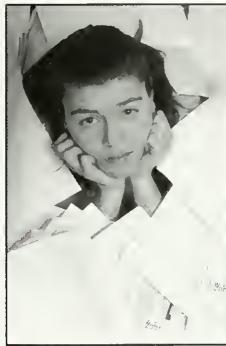
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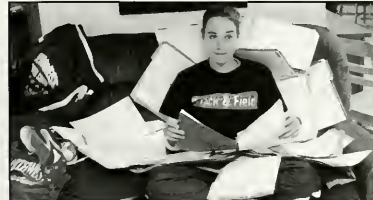
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I can't think of better group of people to work with. Josh, thank you for the Tori Amos memories and words of advice (we are the 'Will and Grace' of Tower). Tom, I have never met anyone that can make me laugh harder. Please, one last time could you do a Tommy Boy impression, you definitely get a Seaver in the face for your hard work. Betsy-my mini-me track runner, you never ceased to amaze me with organizational skills and lists I could only dream of. You have no idea how happy I am that I met you. Mandy, the permanent recipient of the "machine award." Your random smart-ass remarks were hilarious; you put us all to shame with your never ending determination and discipline. Not to mention Amanda's courage and boot camp regime that was nothing short of sensational. You have a mind that I would love to examine one day. Cody, your creativity was inspirational-sorry for being a back seat designer. Melissa, thanks for the caffeine addiction and making me spend all my money at Country Kitchen. Words spoken after four pots of coffee are wonderful. Lindsay, definitely not to be forgotten, thank you for doing such a fantastic job on the endless list of things to do and those great Belgium chocolates. Don't ever think that you weren't an asset to this group.

*Joe*  
Majors

## Closing

We have been forever changed. From life's subtle alterations to its slaps in the face, the year's experiences could do nothing but cause growth in our character and way of thinking.

Memories of the year lazily drifted through the mind in green and white shades of school spirit. Balancing our short time as students, college was our playground and classroom. Even with budget cuts and economic concerns plaguing the decisions of everyday life, frustrations were pushed aside long enough for us to play.

Days whirled by in uncontrollable speeds as we flipped the pages of calendars trying to keep up. Men's post-season basketball, unseasonably warm winter weather and winning another Missouri Quality Award created plenty of opportunities to celebrate.

College opened up bits of the world around us. We were shaping our personalities, and every new encounter carefully molded our minds and perceptions. Social interactions in environments ranging from organizational meetings to one of seven local drinking establishments set the stage as we stumbled toward our own enlightenment. Bottom line, we played hard throughout this journey, but worked just as diligently away from the echoes of cheers, thumping beats of the bars and late night bonding with friends.

Slowly the schedule of classes and professors became routine. Immediately addressing the influential budget cut in Missouri's higher education, Northwest suffered the blow of a floundering economy.

Heated debates in academic departments raised questions on the

**As the men's basketball team cinches the win, Tap's Troops and fans cheer them on in a game against Central Missouri State University. The 'Cats triumphed over the Mules 75-57 contributing to their MIAA Conference Championship. photo by Amanda Byler**







necessity of general education classes. On the other end of the spectrum, opportunities awaited in a new Interactive Digital Media major.

A foundation of knowledge formed, not only in lectures or exams, but from those we encountered throughout our travels. Tales of courage sprung from journeys to foreign countries to overcoming life's obstacles. Living vicariously through others could be the best classroom to learn.

Understanding our peers was the first step in handling the magnitude of events shaking our world. Reality dealt us a low blow on an unsuspecting Tuesday. Ingraining a theme of patriotism in the days following, Sept. 11 was a moment frozen in time, a vivid image imprinted in our minds.

Overwhelmed by the chaos of the attacks, news events of pending trials, renovations and Olympics flashed across the media. Bottom line, life continued to keep pace, challenging us to follow.

Never again would we be the same. In the end, the memories fuzzed a bit and names were forgotten, but who we had grown to be was a statement of success. These were supposed to be the best years of our lives. Dipping into both sides of the spectrum in play and work, somewhere in the middle was our foundation of sanity.

In the years to come, away from the sound of the Bell Tower's hourly serenade and familiar campus surroundings, was a world that offered itself to our disposal.

Another year would begin, events would continue to evolve and the cycle would continue. But what we did here, in the brief moments we had, would not to be forgotten.

Bottom line; we played, we worked, we succeeded.

**Strutting her stuff down stage,**  
Melinda Ryder entertains the crowd  
during Common Ground's Second  
Annual Drag Show. The Drag Show  
raised over \$1,700 toward Camp  
Quality, a camp for cancer patients.  
Photo by Mikayla Chambers



On a Sunday afternoon, Theresa Chiodini and Shaunta Washington take advantage of the 60-degree weather Feb. 24, as they eat their lunch by Colden Pond. Weather forecasters, however, had predicted a drastic temperature drop by the early evening. photo by Amanda Byler







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